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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON (left) and Theodore Hanchett hold the letter that Hanchett's father, James, mailed to himself on May 30, 1930. Having resurfaced just a few weeks ago, the letter will be displayed in the Agawam Firehouse Museum when it officially opens. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Air Mail Letter Takes Long Way Back To Agawam

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

"First covers" are the first run of commemorative stamps when a new post office opens. Many stamp collectors purchase "first covers," affixing the stamps to letters addressed to themselves, assuring ownership of what is hoped will become a rare or collectible stamp.

When Air Mail was becoming established, any airport was used as a post office, so the former Bowles Airport (now the site of the Agawam Industrial Park) issued its own share of "first covers." That is when James L. Hanchett, an aviation aficionado who has relatives here in Agawam, apparently mailed a letter to himself at Bowles Airport Post Office, via Air Mail, using a five-cent U.S. Postal Air Mail Stamp.

The letter was postmarked in Washington, D.C. on May 30, 1930 at 5:00 p.m. and apparently did not surface again until just a few weeks ago! It was sent to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, who was able to learn that the letter had turned up in Iowa in an antique store and was purchased there by a gentleman from Minnesota.

According to *Agawam, Massachusetts, A Town History* by Edith LaFrancis (who recently passed away at the age of 94), "The dedication of the new airfield was a three-day affair held May 30th, 31st, and June 1st of 1930. During the three-day air show there

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Pheasant Hill Village Celebrates 20th Anniversary



ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, Pheasant Hill Village in Feeding Hills held its 20th anniversary celebration. IN LEFT PHOTO: State Senator Linda Melconian (far right) hands a commemorative certificate to Sandy Lapore (center), Administrator of Pheasant Hill. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Kimberly Dube serves hors-d'oeuvres to Roland Roberts, an 11-year resident of Pheasant Hill Village. (See additional photos in "Families.") Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard

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were exhibitions, aircraft manufacturers' demonstrations, political speeches, hopping passengers, bomb-dropping and strafing, and a three-pylon, closed-course race."

An Exciting Historical Event

All pilots flying in for the dedication stayed overnight at Hotel Kimball in Springfield. It is said that the big celebration party that night almost took the hotel down. Former President Calvin Coolidge attended the opening dedication. Amelia Earhart came by car and when she saw the field at Bowles said she wished she had flown in, according to the town history.

After the show, people were given plane rides and also allowed to inspect the planes on the ground. The event was of such proportions that the local roads were not able to accommodate all the traffic. It is easy to understand why James Hanchett attempted to collect a stamp commemorating such an exciting, historical event.

The gentleman from Minnesota who found the letter in Iowa attempted to mail the letter to Bowles Airport Post Office. Bowles Airport was closed down in the early 1980's to pave the way for the Industrial Park, so the unusual letter was returned to its sender. Next, the Minnesota gentleman mailed the letter back to Agawam, only this time addressed it to the Mayor of Agawam.

As it happened, Johnson recognized the addressee's name because one of his friends is Theodore Hanchett. "Ted" has a son who lives in Agawam, Richard, so the Mayor looked on Richard's marriage certificate and ascertained that he is the grandson of James Hanchett.

Johnson got in touch with Ted, the son of James Hanchett, who has been a friend of his for many years.

Johnson commented, "What a small world. This letter, that went so far afield, somehow found its way back to town, into my hands, and then to the hands of the original owner's son, my friend, Ted Hanchett."

"We are delighted to learn that Ted is dedicating this letter to the Town of Agawam as an historical artifact," Johnson added.

"Agawam, Massachusetts: A Town History chronicles the overnight stop at Bowles Airport for Army Air Corps planes the following year. 'The planes assembled in the Dayton, Ohio area for three days of formation flight training, after which the entire 750 planes took off for Chicago, Cleveland, Hartford, and Bowles Field, and were to go on from there to Boston, Providence, and over the New York area to Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. The 118th returned to Hartford.'

"This flight made aviation history. It was the largest group of military aircraft ever assembled in the United States up to that time. They spent the night at Bowles in Agawam because no other surrounding airport could hold the large number of aircraft."

"Fifteen-thousand spectators were at Bowles to see the landing of the 416 yellow-winged war planes. Factory and train whistles blew. This was the greatest Air Force ever assembled in the United States up to this date," added the town history.

When Ted Hanchett and Johnson met, Ted gave permission to open the letter, which held a newspaper dated May 30, 1930. The newspaper and the envelope will be displayed in the Agawam Firehouse Museum when it officially opens, hopefully by next Memorial Day.

Fire Wise...**Halloween Safety Tips
by Fire Chief David Pisano**

The following "Halloween Safety Tips" were provided by Stephen D. Coan, State Fire Marshal, Department of Fire Services, Stow, Massachusetts.

TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- Smaller children should always be with an adult. It's best to take little ones out early.
- If older children are going out without you, go over the ground rules first!
- Know what neighborhoods they will be in.
- Don't allow them in areas with which you are not completely comfortable.
- Have the children stay in a group.
- Let them know what time to be home.
- Give them change to use the telephone if necessary.

INSTRUCT CHILDREN TO:

- Use sidewalks.
- Cross only at the corners; never dart out between parked cars.
- Cover one side of the street at a time; no criss-crossing.
- Never go inside someone's home unless it is a friend's.
- Never accept a ride in a car.
- Only approach houses where the outside lights are on as a signal of welcome.
- Bring their bags home to be checked by an adult before eating a single treat.

COSTUMES:

- Children should carry a flashlight, and their costumes should be bright-colored or have reflective tape to highlight them.
- Be sure all parts of the costume are labeled flame-retardant.
- Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- Pointed objects such as swords and devils' forks should be made of soft material.
- If your child wears a mask instead of make-up on their face, double check that the eye holes are large enough to see through clearly.
- Children should wear sturdy shoes and temperature-appropriate clothing underneath their costumes.

(To be continued next week...)

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Regular School Committee Mtg. Agenda

Agawam Middle School - Tuesday, October 26th, At 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Citizens' Speak Time
4. Roll Call of Attendance
5. Superintendent's Notes
6. Highlights on Education
7. Old Business
8. Business Meeting
 - a. Routine Matters
 - 1) Approval of Minutes
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
 - b. Warrants/Transfers

c. Reports:

1. AHS Library Update - J. Ellis
2. MASC Voting Resolutions - R. Sandlin
9. New Business:
 - SCR99-39 Acceptance of Gift (Big E)
10. Policy Review
 - First Reading - BEE "Special Procedures for Conducting hearings"
11. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee
12. Adjournment

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Letters To The Editor

Jack Devine Says Thanks For A Great Retirement Party

To The Editor:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the great retirement party that was held for me at Chez Josef on September 12th. Special thanks to everyone who participated in the planning, especially my daughter, Brenda, and to everyone who attended, making it such a spectacular evening.

Master of ceremonies Chris Johnson did an outstanding job. Chez Josef personnel and food were at their best. Thanks, also, to Tom Melbourne, who provided music; Walt Steinmetz, who took photos during the evenings; and thanks to those who spoke during the evening; my daughter-in-law, Julia, who made the cake (with a camera made of cake on top); my son, John, who spoke; my son, Patrick, who made the photo boards with pictures that brought back many memories; and my daughter, Cathy, who made the two picture boards people could sign and/or leave a message.

I am going to have to find a place for all the citations and plaques I received, in addition to the special gifts that were presented that evening and those I have received at home. My wife and I will surely enjoy the gift certificate from AAA Travel, as we plan a special trip for the spring.

I have enjoyed taking pictures the past 24 years for various organizations and schools and other special occasions. I'm sure I will miss it greatly.

Sincerely,
Jack Devine
Retired AAN Photographer

Thank-You For Supporting "BUDDY WALK 1999"

To The Editor:

"BUDDY WALK 1999" was exciting and a very big success. This is just a little "thanks" to all our families, friends, and sponsors.

Individuals with Down syndrome joined their families, friends, and the Western Massachusetts community to walk on September 12, 1999 for the second annual BUDDY WALK. This walk was just for fun to promote awareness and acceptance of all people with Down syndrome.

Down syndrome is a chromosomal abnormality affecting more than 250,000 people in the United States. People who have Down syndrome possess a wide degree of abilities. They are active participants in the educational, occupational, social, and recreational activities in our community.

About 340 walkers participated in the Buddy Walk for 1999. These included children and adults with Down syndrome with their families, friends, and members of the community. The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) asked Representative Daniel Keenan to read the Proclamation which he graciously read to kick off the Buddy Walk.

At the end of the Proclamation, it reads:

Now therefore, I, Daniel Keenan, Representative of Massachusetts, in Recognition of this important annual observance, do hereby proclaim the month of October 1999 in Western Massachusetts as:

"DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH"

We had a couple of special things added to our Buddy Walk for 1999.

The Outback Steakhouse from West Springfield so graciously DONATED everything. Ron Fuller, Lucia Labonte, and their own staff volunteered their time. The Outback Steakhouse grilled delicious boneless chicken or hamburgs and gave out bags of chips.

As a parent who has a daughter with Down syndrome, it is nice to know that we can really count on our community to help us with our outreach to ALL families who have a person with Down syndrome.

THANK-YOU goes out to Hood for donating juices, Friendly's for donating dessert, KIX 97.9 Country Radio for donating the popcorn machine and popcorn, Aqua Cool for donating many gallons of water, and McDonald's for donating juice and free fries certificates.

We also had a raffle this year. Many businesses in Western Massachusetts donated gift certificates for restaurants, gifts, Beanie Babies, and getaway packages by the Sheraton of Springfield (accompanied by Bradway Limousine transportation). The proceeds from the raffle were divided in half and sent to the Massachusetts Down Syn-

drome Congress (which benefits our whole state) and to the National Down Syndrome Society (which is doing research on all people who have Down syndrome). The Buddy Walk thanks the Malinowski family for organizing the raffle.

We applaud all of you who had a part in the Buddy Walk 1999: The Arc of Franklin County, National Down Syndrome Society, Pioneer Valley Clown Alley No. 225, Agawam Fire and Police Departments, Agawam Cheerleaders, Mayor Christopher Johnson, Linda Mercadante, Officer Karen Langevin, Representative Keenan, Pastor Curtis Rowe (Heritage Baptist Church).

Also, Sue & Gary Nardi, Larry & Gandy Malinowski, Jim & Jeannette Smith, Kathy Leveault, James & Chris Johnson, Elizabeth Rogers, Renee Dirker, Alex Gomez, and Robin & Mason Dunn-McDonagh, plus many others who helped without even thinking about it.

I especially want to thank my loving husband and kids because if it wasn't for them with their love, encouragement, and support, this Buddy Walk would have never happened.

Several sponsors allowed us to provide free t-shirts to all participants. They were Lucia Lumber Co., Inc., Hastings & Co., Inc., Riverside/The Great Escape, McDonald's, Aqua Cool, Fred C. Froebel Insurance Agency, the Outback Steakhouse of West Springfield, and lots of other businesses and individuals in the Western Mass. area. Lucia Lumber Co., Inc., also donated water bottles to all who participated in the walk.

Thank-you to ALL who had a part in our Second Annual Buddy Walk for Western Massachusetts. Hope to see all of you next year!

Susan Lucia
Buddy Walk Organizer

Owner Of Fran's Restaurant Responds To AAN "Letter"

To The Editor:

Several weeks ago, a Mr. Mike Marieb wrote a "letter to the editor" to *The Agawam Advertiser News* that needs to be corrected.

In that letter, Mr. Marieb, while not identifying my business (although most people knew who he was writing about), said that this business was cited by the Agawam Board of Health for violating a law of the Town of Agawam.

Let me say this - my restaurant has never been cited by the Agawam Board of Health for violating a law of the Town of Agawam. If anyone wishes to check, please contact the Board of Health.

I will always abide by the laws of this town and my restaurant will continue to be a place the town can be proud of and a place where people will always leave with a smile.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Frank Mulcahy
Owner & Operator, Fran's Restaurant
Feeding Hills Center

A Poem In Tribute To The Late Edith (Hull) LaFrancis

To The Editor:

Today we received the September 23, 1999 issue of *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

I was especially interested in the front page article written by Marilyn Curry regarding the passing of my dear friend, Edith (Hull) LaFrancis.

Nowhere in the article does it state the date of her death: September 13, 1999.

Enclosed is a poem I wrote as a tribute to Edith.

REMEMBERING
Edith (Hull) LaFrancis
January 9, 1905-September 13, 1999

*You were my special friend
In writing and in art
Your gentle grace and kindly ways
Bring fond memories to heart.*

*Your life while here has given love
To family, friends and all.
But, Agawam's history remains
Precious thoughts to recall.*

*In recent years we visited more
By telephone or by letter
Discussing each other's projects
Hoping they would be better.*

*I'll remember you dear, Edith
Until we meet above
In God's eternal heaven
Filled with His peace and love.*

Jean Welt Taylor, 1999
Sebastian, FL

Let's Not Resort To Personal Attacks When Discussing Issues

To The Editor:

Let me start this response by stating that I believe everyone has a right to his or her opinion, right or wrong. Normally, I would have let the two responses to my letter stand without comment.

However, when writers revert to personal attacks, thus demeaning their opinions, I must respond.

Yes, I did support Berkshire Power as a means of bringing an increased tax base to our town as long as all necessary safeguards were in place as determined by the Energy Siting Board. Yet the fact is that I have not commented on this issue since before the referendum supporting the power plant. The question is what does my support have to do with whether or not the council held an illegal Public Hearing on September 20, 1999?

Remember that the "illegal" Public Hearing was held on September 20th. All "Letters to the Editor" had to be delivered to *The Agawam Advertiser News* by 12:00 noon on Tuesday the 21st in order to be published on Thursday the 23rd. Since I work during the day, there was no time to check my facts, compose my letter, and get it to the paper by the 12:00 noon deadline for the September 23rd issue. Does placing my letter in the next available issue after September 23rd lessen my arguments against this "illegal" Public Hearing?

I do not have the required expertise or background information to determine whether or not the Siting Board decision was "illegally conducted" or not. Even if it were, which I doubt, the council would still not have the right to open the hearing and entertain public comment, pro or con, without placing the required Public Notice in the paper.

The Conservation Commission has a seven-day notice requirement and the Planning Board a 14-day requirement. Could it be that the council has no such requirement? "I doubt it."

Continuing an "illegally" opened hearing as called for by one of the writers does not solve the problem. "Two wrongs do not make a right." The council leadership and members should never have opened the meeting, but instead set a hearing date as the agenda item indicated would happen that night.

The writers also questioned my comments on the executive session held that same night. Let me respond.

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An emergency preamble must be attached to an agenda item in order to act on it the same night it appears on the agenda. Since the executive session was never on the agenda, there was, in my opinion, no right to hold it, emergency preamble or not. If you can hold an executive session without placing it on the agenda as suggested by a "Letter to the Editor," why do you need an emergency preamble at all? The leadership of the council had known of the need for a vote on a new appeal and the state deadline for two weeks; why wait for the very night of the council meeting to call for an executive session?

I am not questioning the need for an executive session since the deadline was approaching, as long as it was legally conducted. However, as I stated once before, the council had talked about holding a special session on the matter of the appeal. I don't know why this session was never held, but I do know that Councilors Simpson and Thompson were never informed of the executive session while a citizen at citizen's speak time, an opponent of the power plant, and the council's attorney were notified of the session. Similar special sessions were held in the past, many on very short notice. Why not this time?

Councilors Simpson and Thompson are "...truly concerned about us," that is why they refused to participate in this "illegal" executive session. If the session involved the council's lawyer and it was found to be illegal, then who would pay the lawyer's fees?

One last question: if, as stated, the law requires the publication of executive session votes, why was the vote only reported as "not a majority"? I have never seen a report of the "nays and yeas." It would seem to me that the law, if there were one, would require a numerical accounting of the vote. If this was done, I would at least know how many councilors voted to spend taxpayers' money on this useless appeal.

I have purposely avoided the use of names in this response. This is a discussion of issues and not a personal attack on the writers. Personal attacks do nothing but indicate the writer's level of intelligence and degrade their arguments.

All citizens have the right to state their opinions, and I respect that right. I would not presume to call someone "foolish" and accuse him/her of using "false information." I was a supporter of Nancy Thompson and currently support Richard Cohen as well as other candidates for the council and School Committee, but that is irrelevant to my belief that the council did not follow their own rules in both of these matters.

Frank Meagher
Feeding Hills

Because we are in the midst of a political season, we encourage everyone to bring in press releases, "letters to the editor," and ads by the end of the day on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

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Former Councilor Langone Endorses Bonavita For Council

To The Editor:

To The Voters Of Agawam:

It gives me great joy to write this letter in support of Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita's candidacy for the Agawam City Council.

Anthony is the right candidate for the right reasons. As a trial attorney with well over 20 years of experience, he brings to the table his knowledge of and love for the law. This is further enhanced by his already significant record of service to the Town of Agawam.

Whether as town attorney, Sister City Commissioner, or most recently, Zoning Taskforce vice chair, Anthony carries out his duties with the highest degree of professionalism and personal integrity.

Additionally, as a devoted husband and father, Anthony knows what it means to temper justice with compassion and to be open to a variety of viewpoints. He is a man of action AND a man who listens.

It goes without saying that Anthony will give the citizens of Agawam the kind of representation they deserve, of which they can rightly be proud. I am honored to call Anthony C. Bonavita "friend."

With your support on Election Day, I know that all of us will be honored to call him "councilor."

Sincerely yours,
Joseph F. Langone
Former City Councilor
Agawam

Don Rheault Will Provide A "Clean Slate" In City Hall

To The Editor:

To The People Of Agawam:

Before we find ourselves drowning in tired ancient cliches, let us beware the "fresh face" of "old-time politics," avoid confusing experience with "politics as usual," understand how no "clean slate" can be based on recycled ideas, and be cautious of old wine in new bottles.

Mayoral candidate Richard Cohen has several old, tired, and worn ideas about Berkshire Power. He has, in fact, adopted the stance of Mayor Johnson. For the sake of a "majority" won two years ago through disinformation, Mr. Cohen implies that he would not defend our laws. For the sake of that slimmest of "majorities," he has implied that he would not defend the rights of the abutters. He has never once expressed concern over the lack of abutters' evacuation plan, and seems not in the least bit disturbed about how the

latest EFSB decision rewarded Berkshire Power for possible perjury. This is old politics, indeed.

I should hope that I have read him wrong, but the few public statements he's made about it make me wonder. He has not as of yet ever told us how he might apply his views. How would he treat appeals to be made while he's mayor? Mr. Cohen, I hope, will expound on his views. I have a very few questions:

1) If political experience is truly "politics as usual," then why has only Donald Rheault - among all mayoral candidates - taken a stand against "politics as usual" in Boston?

2) If "local control" is just an "argument" to move beyond, then what laws or decisions would Mr. Cohen opt to defend as mayor?

3) If constitutional violations (such as EFSB's new-found power to review zoning) are none of his concern, then what in Mr. Cohen's mayoral oath could he possibly swear to?

4) Would Mr. Cohen not act to defend the rulings of local boards, our zoning laws, or the legal and proper decisions of our City Council?

5) Would Mr. Cohen fail to file any appeals at all of illegal reviews, of improper conduct, or the violation of our state's constitution?

6) In this well-intentioned urge to follow the "majority's" will at all times (politics by constant referendum or polling, perhaps?), would Mr. Cohen dismiss the rights of even one abutter?

7) Should Mr. Cohen have no desire to challenge or change statewide wrongs, then what kind of agent of change is he?

8) If the promotion of private over public interest does not cause alarm, then what apolitical broom sweeps clean?

9) If utilities dictate our city planning in Beacon Hill's smoke-filled rooms, then how vibrant an idea could endorsing that be?

10) How visionary could support for the status quo really be?

"Stimulating" and "visionary" cynicism, neglect and resignation seems like genuine "old time politics" to me. Donald Rheault was part of the real "clean slate" elected in 1997. The real "fresh faces" defend our laws, home rule, ample water, clean air. The real "old time politics" sells the town to the biggest bully.

So, let us not be fooled by tired, old, worn rhetoric this year. Those who still spout it now live in the past. We finally have our chance to really change City Hall, and the "fresh face" is a known and familiar one - Don Rheault! Don has proven himself a genuine agent of change.

It is Don who shall provide a "clean slate" in City Hall. It is Don who will defend our laws and the town's environment. That's a very new thing, indeed!

Sincerely yours,
Owen R. Broadhurst.

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LETTERS - from Page 5...

Raising Some Questions About Property Tax Abatements

To The Editor:

To The Agawam Town Council:

I address the Council this evening for my own personal reasons, but also for those in our community that have called me or spoke to me about addressing certain matters. I will only speak on one such matter this evening, because I am only allowed five minutes.

Like all homeowners in Agawam, I recently received my property tax bill. It was reduced by \$74. I recalled reading a month or so earlier that the average homeowner in Agawam should save about \$100. Does this mean that the value of my home in Agawam is below average?

In any event, one person who called me at home told me that his property taxes were reduced by about \$25, but that the valuation of his home had increased.

That is scary. He didn't get his share of the average \$100 property tax reduction because the value of his property went up.

At the end of each Council meeting, the Council president asks if any councilor wishes to speak about anything that might concern the community. Please, if you have the knowledge, try to answer some of these questions for the interested citizens of Agawam.

- Why did the value of some homes in Agawam go up while others remained constant?

- Are re-evaluations of property scheduled?

- Does a homeowner receive any notice that his or her property is about to be re-evaluated?

- Does a certain amount of real estate activity have to occur in an area in order to determine an equitable re-evaluation?

- Has a large developer, such as Berkshire Power or anyone else, brought charges against the town in an attempt to either contest or reduce their property tax or receive a huge property tax abatement?

If large tax abatements in the millions are granted to developers such as Berkshire Power, the average homeowner will see his or her property tax bill go back up again. That would be unfortunate.

Mike DelNegro
Agawam

Susan Dawson Will Work Hard For Our Children's Future

To The Editor:

Election Day is drawing near, and once again, it is time for the citizens of Agawam to choose who will represent their interests in our town's government. There are many candidates seeking public office this year, and many very important choices for us to make.

As a parent of two children in our public school system, I look very carefully at whom I case my vote for as School Committee members. This year, there is one candidate who is running for a seat whom I surely will cast one of my precious votes for. She is Susan Dawson.

Susan has much to offer our public school system as a School Committee member. She is, first and foremost, a parent of three children in our schools. She is by profession an educational advocate who is very well-versed in the workings and laws surrounding public education. She is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in education.

Susan's expertise in education makes her an excellent choice for one of our School Committee members. She has many innovative ideas and the know-how to put them into action. She truly cares

about the education that our public schools offer our children.

She is a hard worker who is willing to give her best to ensure that our children receive the best possible education to prepare them for the challenges that await them.

When you go to the polls on Election Day, please pull lever 34A to vote for Sue Dawson. Help us to elect a candidate who will work hard for our children and their future.

Sincerely,
Deborah Sekula
Agawam

Bitzas Has Always Worked On The Town Of Agawam's Behalf

To The Editor:

As voters, we have the difficult decision of selecting candidates who not only promise to do what we feel needs doing, but those who are also capable of actually do it if elected.

There is no such difficulty when reviewing the candidacy of George Bitzas. His performance while in public office has demonstrated his ability to not only identify key issues, but also the ability to do something about them.

Over the past five years, we have had the opportunity of working directly with George Bitzas on a number of beautification programs and other projects. We have been impressed by his boundless enthusiasm and his willingness to contribute large portions of his personal time, away from his family, to work on issues important to us all.

As one example, George met head-on those problems resulting from Riverside's expansion. Through his efforts, we not only got a traffic-relieving pedestrian bridge, but also one which is aesthetically pleasing and included an attractive welcome sign to the City of Agawam.

His experience, record of accomplishments, and willingness to work hard to serve the best interests of the majority of our community has earned for him our support for another term.

John & Sasah Zebryk
Agawam

Cohen Is Concerned About Everyone's Well-Being

To The Editor:

Come election time, candidates bombard the public with the rhetoric that has come to be known as "happy talk." Mayoral candidate Rich Cohen cannot be accused of using such tactics in order to win our vote. Why?

Because Rich Cohen is, in fact, a genuinely nice guy, concerned with helping Agawam continue to grow and flourish. When Rich talks about wanting to help Agawam be a better place for us to live, we can be sure that what he says is sincere and unvarnished.

I first met Rich in 1995 in high school. His brother, Allen, introduced me to him and I soon realized that they were of the same mold. They were both interested in me as an athlete, a stu-

dent, and most of all, a person. From then on, I never encountered just a passing hello from Rich. He always took time to ask how I was and what the future held for me. One thing that always struck me as different was that the conversation always revolved around me, my family, and friends. When I think of Rich Cohen, I think of a selfless man, who is always in an energetic and upbeat mood.

There can be no denying that Rich Cohen is for the people. He always has been. His intentions of becoming Mayor of Agawam are of the purest nature. He is concerned about everyone in our town and what they have to tell him. Being Mayor means working for the people. Rich is a man who wants to work for us in order to see Agawam continue to move forward in a positive direction.

If I ever had a problem, Rich offered to help before I could ask. He was always glad to help me in any way he could and he has assured me that this will never change. I am only one of many who has been on the receiving end of his wise counsel and generosity. I think it would be great if everyone in our town had Rich Cohen concerned about their well-being.

In an age where honesty, integrity, and class may have lost a little of their sparkle, a vote for Rich Cohen will prove that these qualities are genuinely a part of him. Rich Cohen for the people. Rich Cohen for Mayor of Agawam.

Brandon Parrelli
Feeding Hills

Thompson's Supporters Urged To Join Cohen's Team

To The Editor:

Please accept this letter as an invitation to join our team in support of "Richard Cohen for Mayor."

During the current campaign for mayor of Agawam, both of our groups have worked diligently in support of our candidates. Both camps feel the need for fresh, revitalized blood and to come in with a clean slate so that we, like Chris Johnson did in 1989, will have no former ties with interfering groups.

It is obvious during this campaign that we need this type of leadership because anyone who has lived in Agawam before the "Chris Johnson" days remembers what town politics, especially the council and who ran it, did with our former town managers. It seemed like the Town Hall had a revolving door on the manager's office.

Nancy fought a good fight and a very straightforward campaign, but her vote was fragmented by the support for Richard Cohen.

I encourage all of Nancy's supporters, as well as anyone in the town of Agawam who is genuinely concerned about moving forward, to join the "Richard Cohen for Mayor" movement.

Join us on October 29, 1999 at the Polish-American Club for a huge rally in support of Richard Cohen.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Daubmann
Campaign Manager

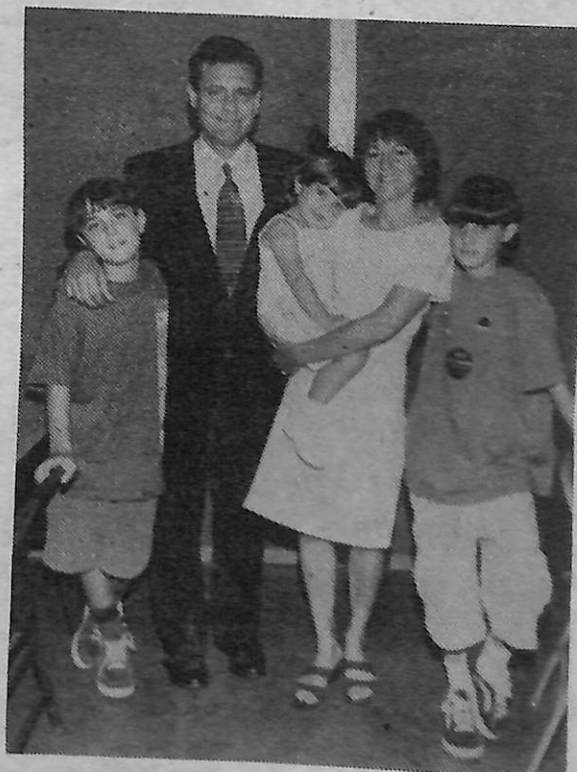
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Dennis Perry Wants To Make A Difference In Agawam**To The Editor:**

I am writing this in regard to Dennis Perry's candidacy for re-election for City Council.

Dennis Perry, who is he? Dennis has lived in Agawam his entire life. He has seen this town develop throughout the years. He works as a manager at a local company in the Industrial Park in Agawam. He manages to make sure that everything is running efficiently and smoothly. He is also a wonderful father and husband.

Dennis has been on the Town Council for four years now, but do you really know him? He takes all issues brought to the council seriously. He thinks things through to help the council to make the right decision.

Dennis makes his decisions independently. He is not easily swayed by other people's thinking. He will make a decision based on what will benefit the town, and to benefit the issues at hand. He looks out for the people and the town's best interest.

He also does one important thing that many people have forgotten how to do: listen. When there are problems or issues at hand, he really listens, because how can you answer the problem if you start talking before you think?

Dennis Perry is an intelligent, honest, and hard-working individual who is running for the Town Council to make a difference in your life and your town.

Please consider Dennis for re-election on the Town Council.

Thank you,
Jessica Perry
Feeding Hills

Louis Russo Deserves To Be Returned To The Town Council**To The Editor:**

I am writing this article about a gentleman that I think you should consider putting back on the council. His record speaks for itself. He is involved in numerous civic organizations and has made many trips to Boston (on his own) for the people of Agawam.

His name is **LOUIS RUSSO**. While he was serving on the council, he was fighting for the rights of each and every one of you, and most of his efforts have proved positive.

He is the kind of man we need sitting at that table, not a person who just sits and votes the way they want. Not **LOU**; he will spend the time and effort to see how the citizens of Agawam feel about the question.

He is his own man and will do all in his power to make Agawam the best place to live in.

VOTE FOR LOU RUSSO on November 2nd and you won't be sorry.

Art and Ernestine Book
Agawam

Agawam's Non-Smokers Would Rather Eat In Town**To The Editor:**

I read with interest Walter Meissner's comments on my recent article. Although I do not agree with his voting against the ban, I do agree with some of what he wrote.

In a previous editorial, it was my suggestion that some of our restaurant owners go "no smoking" for a trial period and they advertise accordingly. Many of us would flock to such an eating establishment; they might find an increase in business.

One need only to visit Brookside in Southwick to see the long waiting line every noon and evening to be aware of how much a non-smoking restaurant is wanted in towns where smoking is allowed.

Again I agree with Mr. Meissner. All council candidates should express their views on this subject before the election. Since it is the mayor who selects our Board of Health members, both Mr. Rheault and Mr. Cohen should voice their opinions. It has become quite obvious that some members of the present board are more interested in politics than in the health of our citizens.

Walter states that he is a non-smoker and detests "everything about smoking." Perhaps he is not one who eats out very often, but those of us who do would like to do so in our own town rather than traveling to other areas.

Sincerely,
Millicent Barnard
Feeding Hills

Richard C. Morassi Will Do A Great Job On The Council**To The Editor:**

I urge the voters of Agawam to elect Richard C. Morassi to the City Council.

Although I no longer live in Agawam, I was born and raised here, as were my parents, and will always care about Agawam's well-being.

That's why I wholeheartedly support Rich. I've known him since our Little League days. We played football and hockey together at Agawam High, and have remained in touch as adults.

I know him to be an honest, intelligent, compassionate, hard-working, and extremely capable person.

Most important, he is running for office not to gain personal advantage or influence, but because he really cares about Agawam and its future. He wants to make Agawam a better place in which to live and work.

He has the talent and dedicated so very much needed but so often lacking in most public officials. He will do a great job.

Sincerely,
James. N. Reynolds
Farmington, CT

What Do We Really Know About Richard Cohen???**To The Editor:**

Who is Rich Cohen? Does anyone really know him? Is it true he has only been living in Agawam 11 years?

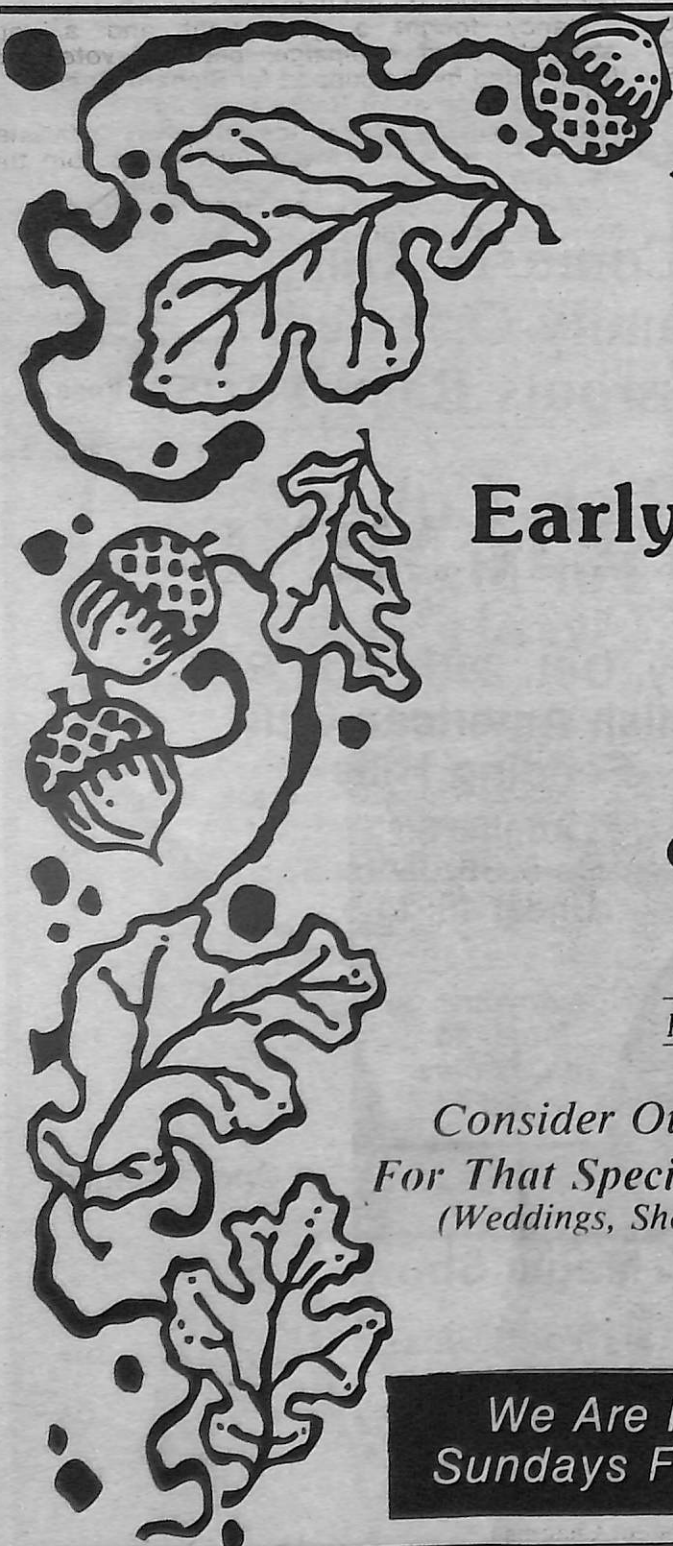
Where is his community involvement, proven leadership, and family ties? Are they in Agawam or Longmeadow? Is he just in it to see if he can win?

He claims he entered the race late because he wanted to see who was running. If he really cared about Agawam, "who is running" shouldn't make a difference.

He is fooling the people into believing he is full of "new ideas." What are these new ideas. Can Agawam afford to take the risk with someone we don't even know?

Sincerely,
Richard Dupuis
Agawam

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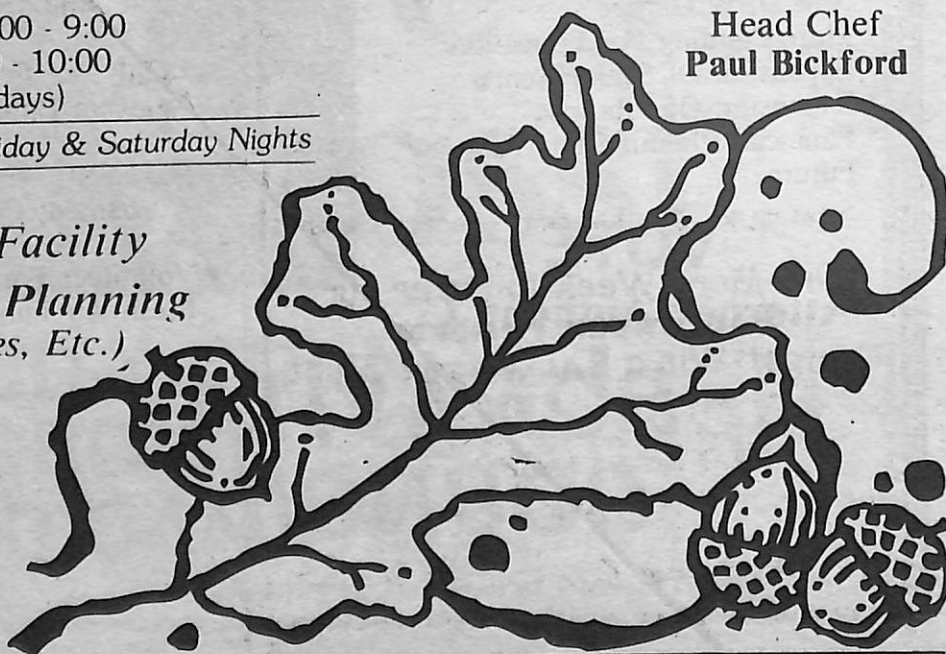
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LETTERS - from Page 7...

Let's Stand Behind Rich Cohen's Mayoral Candidacy

To The Editor:

To The Voters Of Agawam:

Rich Cohen is the only choice for the next Mayor of Agawam. Rich has helped many people to continue furthering and improving their education and lives.

This is his job at Springfield Technical Community College. Mr. Don Rheault and his camp have made many comments about Rich not having any experience in politics, and has raised the question of what he has to offer as the Mayor of Agawam if elected.

Improvement, this is the core of Rich's job now. Why wouldn't he bring that attribute to the Mayor's office? I was a supporter of Mayor Johnson, and I am very pleased with the job he has done. However, he has decided not to seek reelection. Therefore, it is time for someone else to continue to improve our city.

I have heard many citizens speak of voting for "the devil they know" rather than "the devil they don't know." My question is - if you know someone is a devil, why would you give him your vote? Wouldn't you vote for a sincere and honest person who has integrity? Why would anyone in their right mind vote for someone that they knew was a devil? It just doesn't make much sense to me!

If I had the opportunity to choose, and I do, I wouldn't choose the devil, I would choose Rich Cohen. I wouldn't trust Mr. Rheault with my checkbook, would you? I have heard and read many negative statements about Mr. Rheault's political history, and only positive statements about Mr. Cohen.

People's pasts speak for themselves. Mr. Rheault, what have you done with your 16 years of political experience to continue furthering and improving Agawam? I don't have to worry about these issues. Everyone that knows Rich, respects and speaks positively about him and his family.

I have known them for years. I know the type of people they are and what they stand for is something to be proud of. Recognize his accomplishments. Laud his special character and genuine demeanor. Rich has stood behind me many of times and I am only glad that I get this opportunity to stand behind him.

Bethany Tangredi
Agawam

Voters Deserve To Hear A Mayoral Debate In Agawam

To The Editor:

An Open Letter To All Residents Of Agawam:

I feel that the Town of Agawam needs to know the status of the upcoming mayoral election and its issues as it concerns them.

On Wednesday, October 13th, the "Committee to Elect Richard Cohen" sent by certified mail, from the Feeding Hills Post Office, a letter requesting a debate between Mr. Cohen and Mr. Rheault. That letter stated the importance and need for the voters of Agawam to be able to hear both candidates and see how they handle themselves in a formal arena.

The letter stated that it is the candidates' duty to the electorate to make themselves available, and that the Cohen committee would contact the League of Women Voters to arrange and moderate a fair, unbiased forum so that each candidate would be able to discuss and challenge the views and opinions of the other candidate.

Although Mr. Rheault has stated his desire to debate Mr. Cohen to the *Springfield Union-News*, he has yet to respond to our request. Our return receipt of his receiving the letter was received by Mr. Cohen on Friday, October 15th.

As of Tuesday, October 19th, at noontime, Mr. Rheault has not responded to our request for public debate.

My only question is why are you not giving the voters of Agawam their opportunity to hear a debate against Mr. Cohen?

We feel that all residents deserve an explanation. Time is running out.

Anxiously awaiting,
"Cohen For Mayor Committee"
Bill Daubmann, Campaign Manager

George Bitzas Is Truly A Friend Of Agawam's Seniors

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of candidate George Bitzas for Town Councilor. My years on both the School Committee and the six years on the council gave me an excellent opportunity to work with George.

Being a senior, I was anxious to have someone who would push for legislation and improve care

for the elderly. I was doing outreach work at the time and I was amazed that there were so many homebound seniors that needed that care. George jumped right in, took over, and he sponsored a resolution asking the state elected officials to increase state funding for home care services for the elderly.

There was a need for better van services. George worked very hard to expand this service. We now have a great service with connections with both the Center and PVTa.

George also supported funding to offset state cuts in the Senior Center nutrition program. He voted to help support elderly surviving spouses to pay half instead of 100 percent of the cost of the town health insurance.

These are just a few of George's accomplishments. I urge my senior friends to reelect and support this dedicated, hard-working individual. I am proud of this councilor and am sure he will do an excellent job. He deserves our support.

Sincerely,
Jessie D. Fuller
Agawam

How Would Cohen Have Dealt With AHS's Gun Situation?

To The Editor:

I saw mayoral candidate Rich Cohen holding his sign in Feeding Hills Center the other day. I would like to ask Mr. Cohen how he would have handled his brother's gun situation at the Agawam High School?

The entire situation leads me to believe that his motivation in running for mayor may be based on the discipline his brother received.

Is this the leadership we want leading our School Committee? Why is he running? What is his motive? Perhaps he wants revenge with certain school administrators? I'd like to ask Mr. Cohen, would you have fired anyone for mishandling a gun at our High School, even if it was in jest? What message was being sent to our students?

I ask both candidates the same question. Whoever says yes gets my vote. Any situation including a gun in our schools is WRONG!!!

Sincerely yours,
Jeff Pirro
Feeding Hills

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LETTERS - from Page 8...

Cohen Can Bring The Right Energy To Mayor's Office**To The Editor:**

Your October 14th edition contained at least three very laudatory letters about mayoral candidate Rheault's abilities to handle money, his skill in guiding us through the change, and his talent to lead us into the future with wisdom and experience. These accolades are impressive indeed, but are not unique with candidate Rheault.

Mr. Cohen is the administrator of Continuing Education and Veterans' Affairs at STCC. He has created and administered large budgets and has served as grant manager of millions of dollars. His age presupposes the energy and personality necessary to relate effectively to Agawam's students.

Candidate Rheault says that his 10 years' experience in parliamentary procedure give him an advantage over his opponent. But after 10 "plus" years as council member and president, he is tired of hearing "we don't have enough books." Not an impressive record.

Obviously, Agawam needs the leadership a younger, more energetic mayor can bring to the position. Richard Cohen is that man.

Vincent A. Breglio, Jr.
Agawam

Voting For Rich Cohen Is Making The Right Choice**To The Editor:**

It bothers me that an adult can write a letter to the editor of this paper, make the statement "Mr. Cohen wants us to believe he's another Chris Johnson or Dan Keenan," and then close his letter with, "Frankly, he scares me!"

It is very obvious that the writer of that letter, Joseph Pisano, does not even know Mr. Cohen.

As a supporter of Nancy Thompson in the primary election, I needed a candidate to support for the Office of Mayor.

I met Mr. Cohen for the first time at an informational meeting held by his election committee October 12, 1999 and I must say, I was impressed.

As far as being scared, let me tell you what scares me, Mr. Pisano. The backroom politics, the political favors, jobs, and contracts being awarded on the basis of who you knew, not what your qualifications were, and the list goes on.

Does this sound familiar, Mr. Pisano? It certainly will if you remember Agawam politics before our Mayor form of government. I'm a 35-year resident of Agawam and for more than 15 of those years, I owned a business in Agawam and I also served on the Board of Registrars, and I remember.

Richard Cohen was not a politician then and he has no political ties now. Mr. Cohen is a concerned citizen of Agawam with a commitment to education and economic development and has promised to manage our budget as if it were his own money.

Which candidate would you trust with your checkbook? For me, that's a no-brainer.

Elect Rich Cohen, Mayor of Agawam. He's the safe choice and the right choice.

Sincerely,
F. Tom Vining
Agawam

Mayoral Candidate Rheault Is A Name You Can Trust**To The Editor:**

When you go and vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, please consider Don Rheault.

He is fully committed to the growth and preservation of our town. With his experience and his dedication to families, he is the best man for the job.

Please consider the state our Town Council was in a few years ago. We now have a completely respectable and well-run council.

Don cares about Agawam's future. Vote Don Rheault for Mayor - a name you can TRUST.

Angela Phillips
Gina Korney
Feeding Hills

We Can Trust Morassi With The Duties Of Public Office**To The Editor:**

I am writing to urge residents of Agawam to vote for Attorney Rich Morassi and elect him to a seat on the City Council.

After raising our children in Agawam and living nearby for 10 years, we have returned to this wonderful town. During our absence, we have kept in touch with our many friends in Agawam, including Rich Morassi and his family. Over the

years, our paths have crossed many times both professionally and socially. I have always had confidence in Rich and have often employed his legal skills.

But, I've learned there is a lot more to Rich than legal expertise. Rich has a clear vision of what our town requires with regard to leadership and understands the responsibilities of participating in municipal government. He is sensitive to the needs of all citizens and as a lawyer possesses unique communication skills.

More importantly, Rich is a good guy. He is a compassionate man and has an endearing sense of humor, as well as an unflinching dedication I know he will bring to the City Council job. With his considerable talents and energetic personality, Rich is a natural for the job.

Above all, I trust Rich Morassi. I trust him with the serious duties of public office and with the future direction of Agawam.

David W. Page, MD
President, Pioneer Valley Surgical Associates,
P.C.

Bitzas Has Demonstrated A Strong Sense Of Commitment**To The Editor:**

I have known George Bitzas for about 12 years and have always admired his dedication, high levels of energy, sense of commitment, and continual support for the Town of Agawam.

In addition to his work in town, he is a successful parent and interior designer who always has time for a friend.

He is willing to listen to our concerns about anything from Riverside issues, public safety, and sidewalk improvements. I think we are greatly fortunate to have such an open-minded, devoted representative on our City Council.

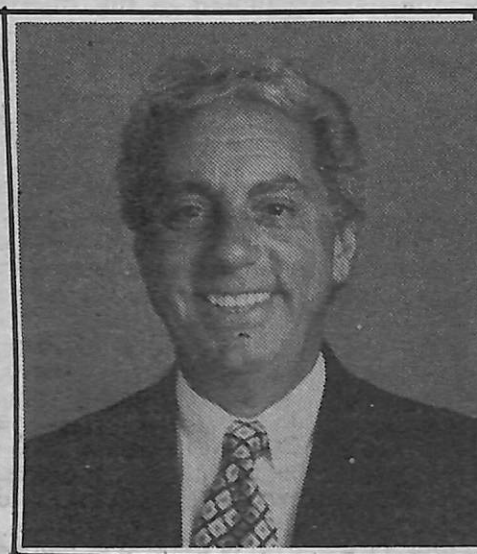
George has been a strong supporter of the elderly as well as an advocate of education and youth sports. His work on the Beautification Committee proves that he cares about many different aspects of the town.

Please consider my friend, George Bitzas, when placing your votes on November 2, 1999.

Thank you,
Raymond Moreau
Feeding Hills

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As election day nears, I ask you for your vote that I may continue to serve our community in the same tradition and leadership that I served public safety for over thirty years. I will focus my energies in making your voice heard to preserve the values we hold so dear.

My ambition is to carry on those ideals and principles by which I've lived and served with pride, honesty, and integrity.

My commitment comes from a lifelong love of our community, a commitment which will reflect each and every aspect of that tradition.

My goal is a partnership where every voice is heard and clearly represented.

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Veterans' Corner... Cold War Certificates

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Many veterans have asked how long it takes to receive the Cold War Certificates. I'm happy to report I was quite surprised when I received mine in the mail earlier this week.

I applied over the Internet in early May, so there appears to be a five-month waiting period. But, that is not surprising, considering the thousands of veterans applying for the certificate.

They used my maiden name from my military discharge, and it really brought back some special memories.

VETERANS' CEMETERY FORUM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, AT 9:30 A.M.

We are planning a presentation by Mr. Robert C. McKean, Director of State Cemeteries, at the Southwick Town Hall in their auditorium on the above date. Mr. McKean will provide a presentation on the design and progress of the State Cemetery, along with eligibility guidelines and burial options for veterans and their families.

Anyone interested in the cemetery project will find the presentation really interesting and informative. Bring along any and all questions.

If any further information is needed, please call my office at the above number.

This week, we are publishing our Honor Roll list of World War II veterans whose Home of Record of active military service is Agawam, and whose last names begin with the letter "C."

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CARR, WESLEY C.

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From Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian...

Agawam Schools Win Big With Senate Plan

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) reports that the budget agreement reached by the House and Senate includes the Senate's commitment to fully funding the Education Reform Act of 1993.

"The budget will include the full \$245 million increase the state promised to provide to city, town, and regional school districts," said Melconian. "In return, we set high standards and demand high performance. That is a deal the Senate is committed to keeping, and we have done so by allocating \$90 million more than the House budget."

"We knew the Senate recommendation for investing in education was worth fighting for," she continued. "Full funding for Education Reform is great news for all of us who care about the quality of education in Massachusetts."

"This money has made an enormous difference for the schoolchildren of Agawam," said Melconian. The additional \$630,000 Agawam will receive in chapter 70 funding this year will be used to reduce class size, improve computer technology (especially in elementary schools), and purchase textbooks.

"I am proud to report that because of Education Reform funding, every student in the Agawam

schools has a new textbook in each subject," remarked Melconian. "Agawam has also spent more than \$2 million over the last two years to purchase new computers." The town will receive more than \$10.6 million this year as a direct result of Education Reform.

"The Senate has consistently upheld the spirit and the letter of the Education Reform Act," said Senate President Tom Birmingham, an architect of the 1993 legislation. "We have done so because the equitability and caliber of public education has the most significant impact upon the Commonwealth's society and economy. This increased funding is an important victory that will have a positive effect this year and in the future."

The Senate was also successful in restoring a \$20 million program to help schools meet the MCAS challenge, in addition to the \$90 million more for local spending. The final budget, which includes these Senate education appropriations, will be finalized in the coming weeks.

"Our emphasis on education co-exists with sound fiscal policy. This is a balanced budget that is responsible with regard to our obligation to be prudent with the state coffers, and with regard to our obligation to invest in the schools of the Commonwealth."

Presentation On New Vets' Cemetery Slated For Southwick Town Hall On October 26th

Construction on the first Massachusetts State Veterans' Cemetery is now underway. The Western Hampden District Dept. of Veterans' Services is planning a presentation on the design and progress of the new cemetery located in Agawam.

Due to the many questions received from veterans, residents, and many funeral directors, Mrs. Ruth C. Bitzas, District Director, and the Town of Southwick have arranged to have Robert C. McKean, Director of State Veterans'

Cemeteries provide a presentation on the design and progress of the State Cemetery as well as eligibility guidelines and burial options for veterans and their families.

The presentation will be held in the auditorium of the Southwick Town Hall, Southwick, on Tuesday, October 26th at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to the district office located in the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237.

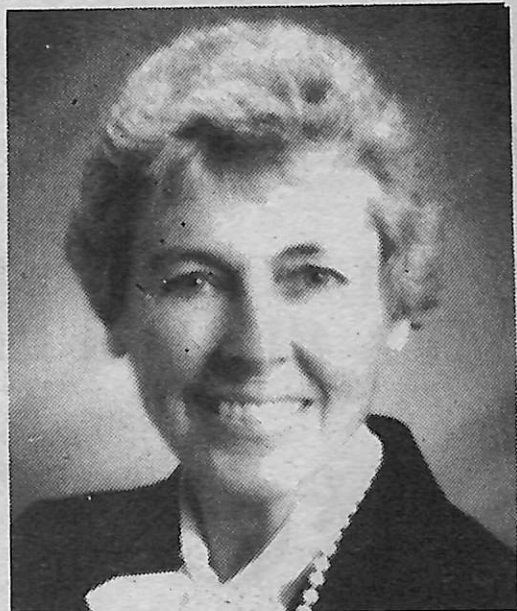
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COLLINS, WILLIAM G.
COLSON, WILLIAM R.
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CONNOR, FRANCIS A.
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CROUSS, ROBERT W.
CURRAN, BARTHOLOMEW J.
CURRAN, DONALD P.
CURRAN, LAWRENCE B.
(* Died while in service.)

Keenan Offering Applications And Schedules

State Representative Dan Keenan is pleased to offer applications and scheduling information for the Commonwealth's current Civil Service examinations, which includes all announcements regarding Open Competitive Civil Service exams for the FY 2000.

Also available is information relating to the new Continuous Testing (ConTest) program which allows applicants for certain positions to apply for and take exams on an ongoing basis.

Please contact the District office at 786-4545 for further information.

Democratic Breakfast To Honor "Eddie" Borgatti This Sun.

The Agawam Democratic Committee would like to remind everyone that their annual breakfast will be held this Sunday, October 24th, at Chez Josef, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

This year's Democrat of the Year honoree is Edward "Eddie" Borgatti. The keynote speaker will be State Representative Dan Keenan.

Anyone wanting tickets or information can call the Democratic Committee Secretary, Louis Russo, at 786-9107.

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Vote Don Rheault Mayor Better Government



Don believes... "We can build a brighter future through better government"

Most people would agree that a basic knowledge of how government functions is essential for any new mayor to be an effective leader. Not everyone is qualified to manage a \$45 million dollar town budget. Weak representation could literally cost Agawam taxpayers millions of dollars of their hard earned money.

Labor negotiations, state aid, taxation, contract administration, etc., etc., are all issues that demand proven effective leadership by someone who understands government!

Proven - Effective - Leadership

- Guarantee Agawam receives it's fair share of state and federal monies for our schools, public safety, community improvements, etc., etc.
- Endorsed by State Senator Linda Melconian, thus Don brings Agawam instant respect and recognition at the state level which is vital when it comes to Agawam receiving it's fair share of state aide.
- Knowledge of town departments for effective & productive contract negotiations (14 town labor unions)
- Orderly and productive school committee meetings.
- Don has scrutinized and adopted 16 town budgets.
- Original member of the Route 57 Regional Task Force, which is the **largest public works project** outside of the Big Dig in all of Massachusetts.
- Don has always supported fully funding the education budget.

Agawam Needs An Experienced Leader

Vote Don Rheault, Mayor-

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Michael J. Harland

Michael J. Harland, 42, of 155 Line Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

He was a machine operator for Sullivan Paper Co. of Springfield.

Born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, he lived in Westfield and Longmeadow before moving to Feeding Hills in 1990.

He was an Air Force veteran, a member of Machine Operators Union Local 404, and captain of the Jessica's Lounge darts team.

He leaves his wife, the former Catherine M. Mahue; a son, Jason J. Hyde of Westfield; two daughters, Khristin Merriam and Erin O'Sullivan, both of Feeding Hills; his parents, John and Nancy M. (Nicholson) Harland of Longmeadow; seven brothers, Robert MacGregor of Toronto, Canada, Arthur Kohl of Key West, Florida, David Griffin of Springfield, Roland Griffin of Whitinsville, Kevin Kohl of Nevada, and Shawn and Ziggy MacGregor, both of Toronto; his grandparents, Alexander and Leah (Lavoie) Nicholson of West Springfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 505 North Parkway, Box 3704, Memphis, TN 38103.

Virginia A. K. Kaplan

Virginia A. (Berthiaume) Kratovil Kaplan, 88, of 310 Stafford Street, Springfield, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was the owner of the Connecticut Valley Placement Service in the Thompsonville section of Enfield for 11 years and retired in 1975.

Born in Wilbraham, she lived in East Longmeadow and Agawam before moving to Springfield.

A published poet, she belonged to the National Poetry Society.

She was predeceased by her first husband, August J. Kratovil, and her second husband, Peter Kaplan, and two sons, Richard J. Kratovil in 1983 and Steven A. Kratovil last year.

She leaves three sons, Raymond G. Kratovil of Straford, Connecticut, Ronald A. Kratovil of Springfield, and Jonathan D. Kratovil of Agawam; a daughter, Karen J. Scully of Chicopee; a sister, Marguerite Hubbard of Poughkeepsie, New York; 18 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The funeral and burial were private, and Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the American Cancer Society, 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Anthony Carpenali

Anthony Carpenali, 76, of 933 Suffield Street, Agawam, died recently in Springfield.

He and his three sisters owned the former Carpenali's Farm in Agawam. He also worked for A. Scibelli's Produce and retired in 1980.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam since 1951.

He was a founder of the West Springfield Fish and Game Club and belonged to the Springfield Adriatic Club.

He leaves two sisters, Rose Carpenali and Theresa DeCaro, both of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Margaret Marichak

Margaret (Fedor) Marichak, 99, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, she lived in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Westfield, and West Springfield for many years before moving to Agawam.

She was a communicant of St. Peter's Church in Westfield.

Her husband, John Marichak, died in 1960, and she was also predeceased by a daughter, Margaret Marichak.

She leaves a daughter, Helen Marichak of West Springfield; a brother, Michael of Bridgeport; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church, with burial in the parish cemetery, both in Westfield. Robert E. Cusack Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Daniel R. Walker

Daniel R. Walker, 21, of Agawam and stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, died recently in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Born in Waukegan, Illinois, he served in the Air Force Security Police.

He leaves his wife, the former Jennifer Rodriguez; his mother, Dianne J. McLeod of Agawam; his father, Stanley W. Walker of Maine;

and a sister, Holly Walker of Agawam.

A military funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Catherine Aldrich

Catherine (Houlahan) Aldrich, 99, formerly of Agawam, died recently at a nursing home in Deland, Florida.

She was an inspector for Smith & Wesson Corp. of Springfield in the 1940's.

She leaves a son, Harold Burnett of Murphy, North Carolina; a daughter, Esther Patterson of Deland; 12 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Burial was at the convenience of the family in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. Volusia County Cremation of Daytona Beach, Florida, was in charge of the arrangements.

Margaret M. Sarno

Margaret M. (Hill) Sarno, 86, of 136 Parker Street, Agawam, a long-time area singer and musical director, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a soloist at Trinity Methodist Church in Springfield for 20 years and at Sinai Temple for nine years. She directed the women's chorus at the Springfield Turnverein Club for 23 years and led the Hadassah chorus for four years.

She was a soprano with oratorio societies in Keene, New Hampshire, and Long Island, New York, and with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in productions of Handel's "Messiah."

During World War II, she entertained for 28 weeks at the Westover Air Force Base Hospital and at Bradley Field (now Bradley International Airport) in Windsor Locks.

She sang at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home for 20 years, directed 18 musicals staged by area theater groups, and was a teacher of voice and beginners' piano for 50 years.

Born in Hartford, she was a graduate of Commerce High School and a scholarship student at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City.

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BREAULT In Loving Memory Of ROLAND LUCIEN BREAULT March 28, 1972 to October 23, 1993



*Blessed are the pure
in heart for they shall see God.*

Roland, your gentle face and patient smile with sadness we recall.

You had a kindly word for each and died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the heart that loved us well and true.

Bitter was the trial to part from one so good as you.

You are not forgotten loved one, nor will you ever be.

As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee.

We miss you now. Our hearts are sore. As time goes by, we miss you more.

Your loving smile, your gentle face.

Roland dear, no one can fill your vacant place.

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Starting in 1953 and in every subsequent year, she directed Christmas carol singing at the Student Prince Restaurant in Springfield. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Her husband, Frank A. Sarno, died in 1968.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday morning, October 23rd, at First Baptist Church. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Katherine Stoll

Katherine (Tollman) Stoll, 90, of 464 Cooper Street, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Keene, New Hampshire, she was the widow of Edward F. Stoll.

She leaves no close relatives.

A graveside service was held in Oak Knoll Cemetery, Palmer. Sampson-Roberge Funeral Home of Palmer was in charge of the arrangements.

Rene Brassard

Rene Brassard, 92, of Springfield, died Saturday, October 16th, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a career roofer, having worked for several different roofing companies, and most recently, Norman Bibeau Roofing, before his retirement in 1970.

Born in Methuen, MA, he was educated locally, having attended the St. Joseph's School in Springfield.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church in Springfield.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Rita (Beaudreau) in 1948, and his second wife, Florida (Coulombe) in 1979.

He is survived by his son, Ronald of Springfield; two daughters, Joan of Feeding Hills and Lucille Searleman of West Springfield; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, October 19th, from the Colonial-Forastiere

Funeral Home of Agawam, followed by a mass at the church. Burial was held at St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Emily C. Dias

Emily C. (Smith) Dias, 67, of 83 Parker Street, Agawam, died Sunday, October 17th, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Somerville, MA, she moved to Agawam in 1957.

She was a member of the Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 of the North American Family Camping Association.

She leaves two sons, Richard L. of Ware and Thomas E. of Intercession City, Florida; a daughter, Martha J. Chapman of Agawam; two brothers, Francis Smith of Florida and Lawrence Smith of Tampa, Florida; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, October 19th, at the Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Keenan's Pasta Dinner Is On October 28th

Please join State Representative Dan Keenan for an evening of great food at his annual Pasta Dinner on Thursday, October 28th at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door.

Dan looks forward to the dinner and encourages everyone to bring their appetite!

Oct. 27th Is Last Date For Water Connections, Etc.

The Agawam Department of Public Works announces that October 27, 1999 is the last date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 2000. This notice does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF AGAWAM TOR-99-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM TO ALLOW FOR NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS OF BOARD OF HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS (Sponsored by Jill P. Simpson, Councilor, Linda Galarneau, School Committee Member and Susan Pettazzoni, School Committee Member)

WHEREAS, Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws provides for non-criminal disposition of violations of any rule or regulation of any municipal board the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has given tentative approval to a new regulation which will prohibit the use or possession of tobacco products in school buildings or on school grounds and that regulation calls for the non-criminal disposition of violations;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Agawam to allow the Board of Health to have non-criminal disposition of violations of any of their rules or regulations the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, and

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council hereby amends Chapter 35 of the Code of the Town of Agawam entitled "HEALTH, BOARD OF" effective upon passage by adding Section 35-2 to read as follows:

Sec. 35-2 Non-Criminal Disposition of Violations
Whoever violates any rule or regulation of the Board of Health may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D as amended from time to time.

Dated this 7th day of October, 1999.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

Donald M. Rheault, President

Agawam Town Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor

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**Every voter in Agawam has an important
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**We can take a giant step
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Don Rheault represents Agawam's past

- Don voted to fire Ed Caba and Reid Charles, Town Managers
- Don presided over some of the most tumultuous and embarrassing Council meetings in our history
- Don was our Chief Elected Official when Agawam politics were the laughing stock of the Pioneer Valley

**We can continue to move
forward...**

Rich Cohen represents Agawam's future

- Rich has fresh ideas and he will enter office with a clean slate
- Rich will bring youthful enthusiasm and professional competent leadership to the Mayor's Office
- Rich will work hard to make Agawam the best place in the Pioneer Valley to live, to work and to raise a family

Rich Cohen for Mayor
**Let's keep Agawam
moving in the Right Direction !**

Campaign '99

Pettazzoni Cites Accomplishments On School Committee

In a press release issued this week, Susan Pettazzoni, Vice-Chairperson of the Agawam School Committee and candidate for re-election, cited some of her recent accomplishments during her tenure as a committee member.

- One of her most recent accomplishments is the Academic Letter. She initiated and created the letter. This school letter is achieved by a cumulative average of 3.5 from grade nine through grade 11 in a student's educational career. The achievement is a record for the student's College Transcript.

- Pettazzoni co-sponsored and actively worked to pass a co-operative city effort for fines for smoking on school grounds.

- She was instrumental in re-establishing a cooperative working relationship with the Agawam Chamber and now serves as one of the principals of the committee.

- Pettazzoni was appointed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson to the Parks and Recreation Study Commission and currently serves as Chairperson. She says, "With my role on the Study Commission, we can creatively serve all the population of Agawam and integrate the schools as part of that growth."

- Pettazzoni has worked on many sub-committees before and throughout her tenure. "I believe that serving on as many committees as possible helps serve to educate me in all the aspects of education."

- Our entire curriculum has been rewritten and is in alignment with the state frameworks. "This task was completed and is constantly being monitored by every member of our educational community. I am proud to be a part of this ongoing effort for our children."

Pettazzoni concluded, "My platform will continue to be communication, involvement, and expression if re-elected to the School Committee. Thank-you for your confidence in the past and I respectfully ask to be allowed to continue to serve our community through you."



SCHOOL COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON SUSAN PETTAZZONI (center) with her husband, Bob, and her daughters (from left to right) Kristin, Erin, and Stephanie.

Because we are in the midst of a political season, we encourage everyone to bring in press releases, "letters to the editor," and ads by the end of the day on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

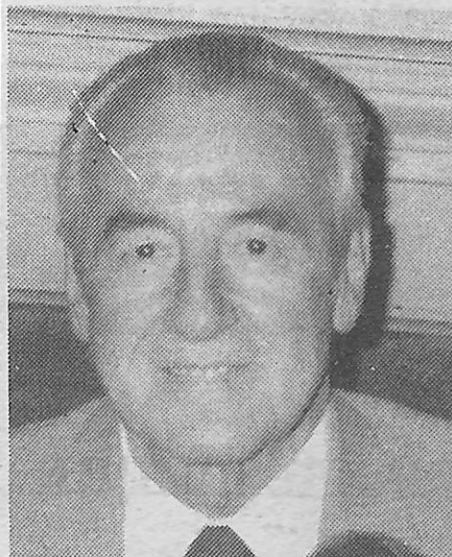
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- Former Union Pension Fund Administrator
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- Italian Sister City Commission
- Former Board Of Health Chairman
- Husband To Cyndi
- Father Of Three
- Grandfather Of Six
- 36-Year Resident

John's Priorities:

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| • Bowles Road Access | • Continued Funding For Education |
| • DPW Garage | • Open Space Conversion To Assets |
| • Library Expansion | • Tuckahoe Project Closure |
| • Senior Center Expansion | • Additional Industrial Park |
| • A More Aggressive Council With A Focus On Achievement | |

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The Committee to Elect
Gina M. Letellier
invites all of Agawam and Feeding Hills to a
**Ziti and Meatball
Fundraising Dinner**

**Monday, October 25, 1999
from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Polish American Club
Southwick Street, Feeding Hills**

**Adult tickets - \$5.00
Senior Citizen and Children's tickets - \$2.00**

**Tickets available at the door
or by calling 739-2112 or 786-4723**

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Gina M. Letellier

Campaign '99 - continued...

Large Turnout For Chmielewski's Fundraiser...



ABOUT 450 PEOPLE, including mayoral candidates Donald Rheault and Richard Cohen, turned out for the Town Council candidate Stanley Chmielewski's campaign fundraiser at E.B's Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension on Monday, October 18th.



CANDIDATE CHMIELEWSKI (far left) chats with Joanne & Mark Sullivan outside of E.B's Restaurant. A lifelong resident of Agawam and a 1952 graduate of AHS, Chmielewski said he was overwhelmed by the turnout.



LONG LINES OF SUPPORTERS waited outside the popular restaurant to greet Chmielewski, who's a former 37-year member of the Agawam Police Department and 17-year chief of police. Chmielewski wishes to thank his wife, Linda, Ed Borgatti, Jr., Dan Lacienski, Tom & Mary Leahy, and Pat Walos for the time and effort that went into making this fundraiser such a great success.

Russo Makes Correction Regarding Website

Louis J. Russo, candidate for City Council, would like to make known that there was an omission in last week's article regarding the location of his website.

The actual address of the Russo website is www.Sysimp.Com/Agawam/Russo/.

Russo said, "I apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused those who have attempted to view my website. I also thank those who brought this problem to my attention when they told me they were unable to get into the site."

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Campaign '99 - continued...

Edward A. Caba Seeks Re-Election To City Council

In a press release issued this week, Councilor Edward A. Caba stated, "I am again privileged to offer to you my candidacy for re-election to the City Council.

"Since the early 60's, I have had the honor of serving you, the town, and city as town meeting member, Town Clerk, Town Manager, and City Councilman. I have also served as Council President. It has been a very rewarding and educational tour of duty.

"I take a great deal of pride in the progress the city has made and what is ahead of us in the future. We have one of the finest industrial parks in the area, our school system is in good condition, we have had no layoffs, our tax rate is affordable, and our town services have not been cut and are second to none.

"Our city has a great deal of potential and in the spirit of cooperation we can move forward in the direction from which we can all benefit. We must work collectively as a team, not as individuals. Working together as a team, we can achieve all of the goals which will benefit our city.

"I have enjoyed serving all of our people at all times and never have evaded any issue which came before the council for action. When any matter came up for a vote, my vote was not because it was the popular thing to do. I always voted keeping in mind 'what was best for Agawam' and all of our people. My decisions will always be on the merits and what is best for Agawam overall.

"I will continue to be a strong advocate of working for all of our citizens and fight for their right to be heard on all issues granted to them by our charter. I will never deny anyone the right to vote on any issue. This is their constitutional right.

"I look forward to serving you for two more years so that I can be part of accomplishing more changes and/or improvements that you are concerned with. These concerns are education opportunities for our students, public safety, the well-



EDWARD A. CABA

being of our senior citizens, land preservation, zoning laws, and charter revisions acceptable by and with input from all of our residents.

"Finally, I want to assist in bringing closure to the nightmare our Department of Public Works employees have to endure at their present facility, 1347 Main Street. We need to close the book on this chapter as soon as possible.

"I am grateful for your support over the years and again would appreciate your continued support for giving me one of your 11 votes on Tuesday, November 2nd. Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

"Thank-you, and please exercise your right to vote," concluded Caba.

Stieg Addresses Problems Facing Agawam's Schools

In a statement released this week, Karl Stieg, candidate for election to the Agawam School Committee, said, "In the announcements last week by several present School Committee members announcing their candidacy for re-election, I noticed the HARD ISSUES facing our schools were ignored rather than addressed.

"Basically, the present School Committee paints a rosy picture, but in fact, it isn't. They state that 'improved communication' and 'communication is important' to them, but avoid speaking about troublesome, embarrassing issues in our school system.

"If you read these announcements you will see they avoid the fundamental problem issues facing our schools. Not one word about spending per pupil being approximately \$1,000 below the state average. Fact is that in 1988, Agawam was \$826 below the state average in spending per pupil. Ten years later (1998), we find out we have gone down another \$100 per pupil below the state average.

"Why hasn't anyone explained how this happened with increased state money being earmarked for our community under the Reform Act? Considering Agawam has not increased its taxes over the last four years and has this year had a tax decrease, it should be obvious that it did not and has not maintained its effort at the financial levels it should be for our children's education.

"Looking for accountability is not enough," said Stieg. "If elected, I will work endlessly to resolve this and other problems facing the education of our school children. I will be proactive in finding and providing all the tools necessary for the best education possible for our children.

"Remember that we, as a community, are measured and spoken about in terms of education that we provide. My goal is to have our community looked upon as the premier education community in Western Massachusetts," he concluded.

Check our classifieds...

Cohen Announces Schedule Of Public Appearances Next Week

Mayoral candidate Rich Cohen has announced the following dates and times of scheduled appearances arranged to give the public the opportunity to meet him.

Monday, October 25th, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Cappaccio's Restaurant, Cooper St.; **Friday, October 29th, 6:00-11:00 p.m.,** Polish Club; **Saturday, October 30th, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,** Rocky's Hardware parking lot; **Sunday, October 31st, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,** Rocky's Hardware parking lot.

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"Thanks to everyone responsible for the overwhelming success of my 'Meet The Candidate' night at E.B's.

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Dear Residents of Agawam:

For the past few weeks, I have tried to give you a sampling of who I am and what I have done for our community. It should then follow that I give you a sampling of what I hope to do for the future of Agawam. I am very proud of my long-standing record of community involvement and hope to continue serving our community as your city councilor. With your support, I can continue serving by accomplishing the following:

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- Will promote an additional industrial park to site additional businesses.
- Will help protect our retired employees' pensions.
- Will continue supporting our police, fire department, and all areas of public safety.
- Will support a new cost-effective senior center and additional senior recreation.
- Will support a new library addition and DPW garage.
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City Councilor Young Discusses His Role In Town's Youth/Recreational Activities



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Michael F. Martin Announces Candidacy For School Committee

Michael F. Martin recently announced his candidacy for the Agawam School Committee.

Martin resides at 35 Anvil St. with his wife, Kate. His three children, Maura, Sheila, and Michael Jr., have all attended Agawam schools.

"I believe that the time has come for a new voice and new perspective on our School Committee. Our schools have made great strides in addressing some of the current educational issues. However, what concerns me most is that the same questions keep arising year after year:

"• Why is Agawam constantly **BELOW** the state average in per pupil spending?

"• Why are **CLASS SIZES INCREASING**?

"• Why has nothing been done to improve the library at the High School over the past 10 years?

"• Why are computers **not** accessible to all students on all grade levels?

"• Why is there only **one** remedial reading teacher for over 1,200 students at the High School?

"• Are our best students being accepted at their first-choice college?

"Throughout the years, my success as a teacher, coach, and business owner offered me the opportunities to demonstrate that I can accomplish what I set out to do," said Martin.

"I have proven that I am truly interested in the welfare of our children by serving on the Executive Boards of both the Agawam Athletic Association and the Sacred Heart Athletic Association.

"In addition, I have founded a variety of programs throughout Western Massachusetts which have afforded young people the opportunity to



MICHAEL F. MARTIN

develop their skills both athletically and socially.

"Finally, I very strongly believe that my career experiences, plus those of being a parent and taxpayer of Agawam, will give me the perspective to be sensitive to the concerns of all those involved in the education of our children.

"Please pull lever 33A on November 2nd and vote Michael Martin for School Committee."

Morassi Discusses His "Vision" For The Town Of Agawam

Attorney Richard Morassi, a candidate for City Council, said in a press statement that the vision which Agawam citizens have of their town is a combination of urban, suburban, and country living which demands creative and progressive leadership.

"My vision for the development of Agawam is that sometimes we should leave it alone, as in the non-development of Robinson State Park, and sometimes we should take aggressive action, as in the case of Perry Lane Park. Both are tremendous assets to the town, but each demanded, and got from me, different approaches," Morassi said. He promises he will be zealous in protecting open space "for us and future generations" as once open space is developed, it can never come back.

Attorney Morassi pointed out that the Agawam side of the Connecticut River has been neglected as a premier part of the town for many years.

"Many people living here don't even realize that the landfill and Bondi's Island are part of our town," he said, while expressing his deep concern lest that aspect be expanded in the future. "Our river's edge can be every bit as beautiful and useful to the citizens of our town as it is in many other cities. There is still time left, but we must get moving," he emphasized.

This candidate for City Council is optimistic about expansion for Agawam, but says it cannot be uncontrolled. "We must have open space for all citizens of the town. We cannot let commercial and residential development operate unchecked," he noted.

"The Council has a very important role to play in seeing to it that the growth of Agawam doesn't neglect balance and preservation of land for the use of all residents, not just some," Morassi said. "My record in fighting for this balance is clear. I have been active and instrumental in this area in the past and will continue in the future. I have a longstanding and public record of advocating for adequate testing of the incinerator, compelling the purchase of Perry Lane Park, and preserving Robinson State Park in its pristine condition. I will continue that record as an Agawam City Councilor. I need the help of all who are concerned and voting citizens."

Attorney Morassi served as an Associate City Solicitor for Agawam for 10 years and has been active in many civic activities.

Council Candidate Louis J. Russo States That Capital Improvements Would Be A Priority

City Council candidate Louis J. Russo, in a press release, gave his thoughts on capital improvements in Agawam.

Russo has always been a strong advocate of improving the community through additional upgrades or new construction of sidewalks, roads, and municipal facilities. For many years, he has been outspoken in the need for a new fire station and Department of Public Works garage.

Russo has written letters to the state in support of funding to enlarge the city library. He has also vocally supported the need to repair sidewalks, especially in neighborhoods with large populations of elderly residents.

Russo remarked in his statements that, "I was pleased to see the new fire station dedicated. However, we must continue to move forward with a new DPW garage so that we can insure the safety of our employees and protect the investments made in terms of equipment and materials."

Russo continued, "As far as the library is concerned, we have waited long enough to improve and enlarge it. I am a regular patron and know first-hand the need to enlarge the building. As a city councilor, I will continue my strong support of needed improvements in the town's infrastructure and guarantee that I will do whatever is necessary to meet those goals."

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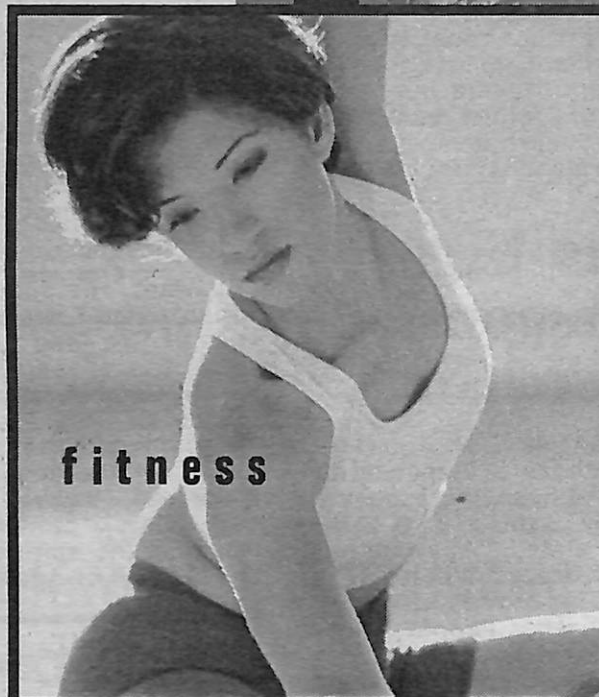
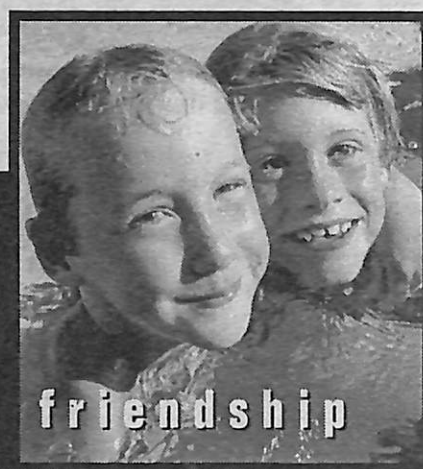
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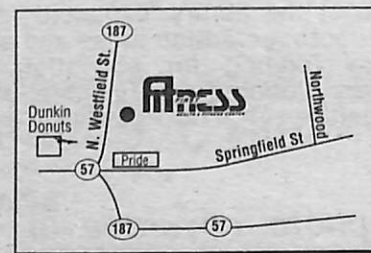


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Care Of Seniors?

In a press release issued this week, Bob Rossi, candidate for City Council, lists the needs of our senior generation as a priority that can no longer be ignored.

He explained, "The mass aging of our society may very well be the most extraordinary evolution of all time. As a result of dramatic advances, most of us will live longer, and it would be comforting to assume that we are prepared and everything will be fine down the road. We should expect the right health care system, the right political priorities, and the right approach to care and services."

"This, however, is not really the case. We need to get pointed in the right direction. The problems that lie ahead are preventable, but only if we recognize and understand them, and only if we initiate corrective action now."

"We have increased our effectiveness in keeping people alive and now approach a time where the average American has more parents than children, if you include in-laws and grandparents. However, we haven't done such a good job in insuring our seniors are functioning or cared for as well as they could be."

we need to support more effective means of health and social services that include convenient adult care and effective home care. We need to address issues of housing and ways to improve its quality, maintenance, and safety. I would like to implement a commission, which would include seniors, entrusted to cover these growing needs and set acceptable policies.

Bonavita Urges Financial Responsibility To Achieve Goals

In a press release issued this week, Agawam Council candidate Anthony C. Bonavita commented on the necessity of financial responsibility to avoid government by crisis. Bonavita, an attorney, stated, "Agawam has a \$2-million-dollar budget. One of the major purposes of government is to provide services of various types to its citizens. People want to receive their money's worth. To accomplish this the City must maintain

It is acknowledged that the City must maintain and increase its solid tax base. With a solid tax base and by attracting new business to properly-located industrial parks, we will have the necessary revenues to enhance the quality of life for our citizens."

Bonavita is 46 years-old and resides at 683 Cooper Street with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Carlo and Franca.

He elaborated further on this issue: "Part of the acquisition of financial responsibility is maintaining the existing tax base we have and consistently providing the necessary services."

"Importantly, another major part of the equation is financial planning for the future. The budget must be reviewed properly, and the planning for future expenditures must be addressed. "The goal is to avoid reactionary expenditures / avoiding a crisis mentality. This may not be one of the most glamorous functions of the City Council, but it is one of the most necessary and basic."

Bonavita and his committee have been canvassing voters on what issues need to be addressed.

He concluded, "Of course, there are proper financial roles for the Mayor and City Council in this process. Whether it be a new DPW garage, expansion of the library, expansion of the Senior Center, more recreation areas and athletic fields, more funding for education, the key is budgetary planning and financial stability. I will have a positive voice for Agawam."

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State Senator Linda J. Melconian Endorses Don Rheault For Mayor

MAYORAL CANDIDATE DONALD RHEAULT with Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Hampden District), Melconian supports Rheault's vision of Agawam and has publicly endorsed his candidacy for the November 2nd election.



Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Hampden District) embraced Don Rheaui's vision of Agawam and endorsed his candidacy for Mayor of Agawam recently.

"I have served with City Council President Don Rheaui since I was elected to the State Senate. He is a man of strong character and integrity with a proven record, who will effectively lead Agawam into the next century," stated Melconian.

"President Don Rheaui has been an outspoken advocate for open space and played a significant role in acquiring the Perry Lane Recreational Area. Don filed the original resolution to acquire county land from the State to the Town of Agawam. His foresight on this issue has now enabled the Town of Agawam to control the future use of this land for economic development and open space," said Melconian.

"He was Agawam's original member of the Route 57 Regional Task Force, which is the largest public works project outside of the Big Dig in all of Massachusetts. As a veteran city councilor and I current president, Rheaui has a proven record of working with local and state government in the spirit of cooperation for the betterment of all of Agawam," added Melconian.

"Don Rheault believes the future of Agawam is with our children. He has supported the building of state of the art schools for our students, and advocates for the expansion of recreational youth programs. This is why President Rheault has always supported fully funding education and in concert with the Mayor has increased Agawam's school budget by 17.3 percent in the last two years alone.

"As Mayor of Agawam and Chair of the School Committee, Don Rheault would put our children before politics. He would continue Mayor Johnson's effective leadership for all of Agawam's citizens," said Melconian. "His record bears this out.

"Don Rheault is a longtime resident of Agawam and has tirelessly served the people of Agawam. His clear understanding of the issues currently facing Agawam will continue to facilitate Agawam's current prosperity as the next Mayor of Agawam," Melconian stated.

"I am honored to receive Senate Majority Leader Melconian's endorsement. It is always heartwarming to me when someone recognizes my commitment and ability to lead Agawam into the next millennium," concluded Rheault.

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Council Candidate DelNegro Supports Rights Of Citizens

In a press statement released this week, Agawam City Council candidate Mike DelNegro said, "All too often, we see decisions being made that affect the lifestyles of people or their quality of life. The rationale for this phenomena is progress."

"Individual citizens' rights are expected to take a back seat to powerful big business or political expediency. A blend of responsible business and a well-maintained residential community make for an ideal community. However, when powerful influences 'lock horns' with the common citizen, I will always be on the side of those in our community who do all of the working, the playing, the living, and the dying."

"Life is too short to see it any other way," DelNegro said. "Therefore, if any citizen in Agawam has their rights violated because of big business, political indifference, political favoritism, zoning law infractions, or whatever, I will be the councilor that will fight for that citizen, no matter where they live in town."

"Those that know me will attest to the fact that big business can't buy me and political pressure can't compromise me. I will always try to do the right thing," he concluded.

Bitzas Instrumental In Agawam Regaining Former County Land

In a press statement released this week, Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas, candidate for re-election, said, "In June 1997, I saw the opportunity to have the 250 acres of county-owned land returned to the Town of Agawam, not to the state, when Hampden County was eliminated."

"I was the first official, two years ago, to call for the return of 250 acres that was taken by the county from Agawam some years ago. In the *Union News*, July 5, 1997 edition, it states, 'Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas says that Agawam land purchased by the county in the 1940s should be returned exclusively to Agawam.' In the beginning, there were not many people who believed that the state would turn over county land to the town."

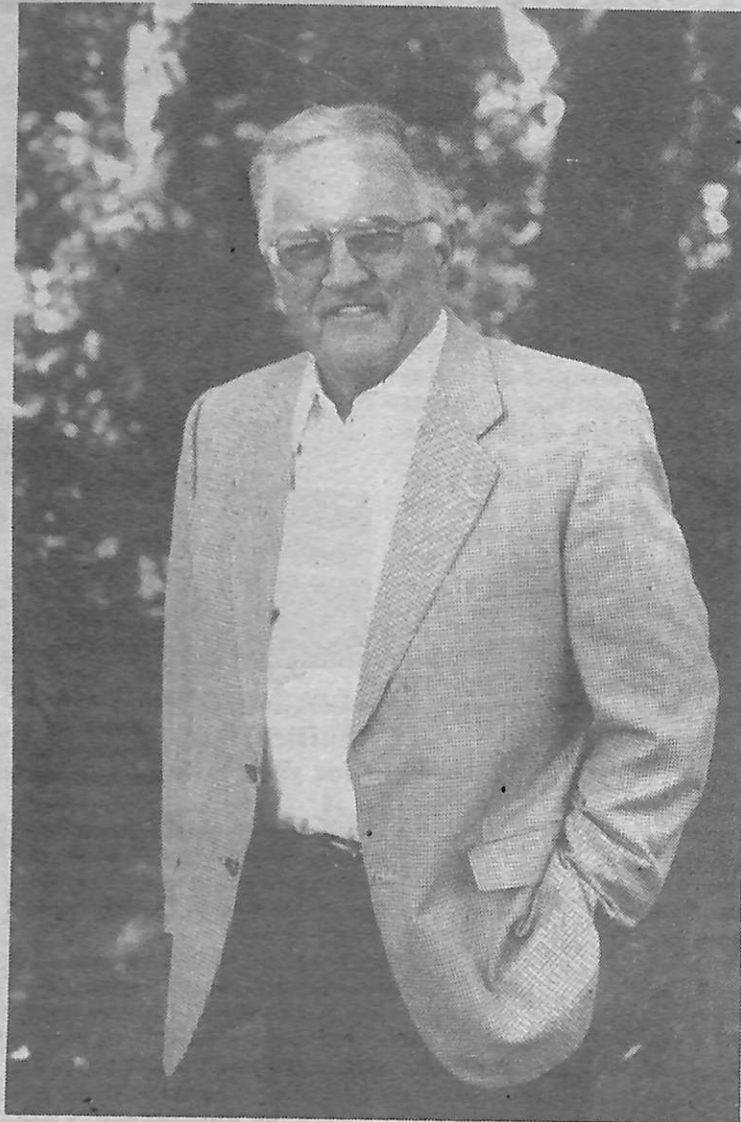
"But I was optimistic and thought that we here in Agawam had a golden opportunity to take this land back. With hard work and the help of our elected local and state officials, it did happen. I insisted and co-sponsored a resolution with Mayor Johnson and then-council president Kent Servis to ask lawmakers to file legislation transferring ownership of the land to Agawam in the event county government was dissolved by the legislature."

"We had many meetings with the county commissioner and other officials to win support. I also started and circulated a petition signed by hundreds of Agawam residents, pressing the state to give Agawam the 250 acres. Some councilors said then that we were living in a 'dreamland.' With the help of our officials and all of us working together, this dream became a reality."

"The 250 acres belong to Agawam now, for soccer fields, recreation, and for people of all ages, and also for the quality industries that help to bring our taxes down."

"With your vote, I will continue to work hard with integrity, honesty, and common sense," Bitzas said, "for the best interests of our town and for the future of Agawam. Please remember to vote November 2nd. I would appreciate your vote."

"ATTENTION" FEEDING HILLS RESIDENTS



Mayoral Candidate Don Rheault

Will be hosting a discussion about the sewer problems being encountered by Feeding Hills residents.

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Russo Talks About Taxation At Coffee Hour

At a recent coffee hour, Louis J. Russo, candidate for City Council, answered questions relating to taxation. Russo explained how he supported Mayor Johnson's proposal to cut taxes by changing the residential tax factor.

Russo stated, "I spoke before the City Council and urged the council to cut taxes by accepting the Mayor's proposal. I also urged the council to do so cautiously."

Russo urged caution based on two factors that played a part in the approved tax cuts. First, according to Russo, Berkshire Power has been given too much credit and is not the willing tax savior they are being made out to be.

Russo said, "Remember, Berkshire Power almost convinced the town that it would be better to give them an 'in lieu of tax agreement' rather than have them pay their fair share of taxes. We now know that wasn't true at all."

Russo was one of the most vocal against a tax agreement and argued that based on the evidence, Berkshire Power be made to pay their fair share of actual taxes. Because of Russo's actions and evidentiary documentation that he helped provide, Agawam is expected to receive at least \$2.5 million per year in additional revenue.

Russo said, "This is one of the reasons why we are able to finally receive a tax increase after so many years. I am very proud to have played a key role."

The other factor that Russo used to illustrate the need for caution has to do with state funding. Russo informed the group that, "Our town has enjoyed a bigger than normal influx of funding from the state. It appears that we will receive another larger than expected amount of funding."

Russo went on to explain that, "It must be kept in mind that Agawam won't always get these types of windfalls. Therefore, we must do whatever is necessary to keep the new tax rate stable and even provide additional tax cuts. We must keep the budget under control by eliminating unnecessary expenses and fat while maintaining a reasonable reserve for unexpected costs."

"When making a judgment regarding tax revenues from the state, we must consider that what we are receiving today may not be available tomorrow," concluded Russo.

Rheault's Committee Announces "Meet The Candidate" Night

The friends and family of mayoral candidate Don Rheault invite you to "Meet the Candidate" on Tuesday, October 26th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Don's campaign headquarters located at 833 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

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COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS with his wife, Peggy, greeting motorists at the corner of Suffield Street and Silver Street. Bitzas is running for re-election to the City Council and asks for your vote in the November 2nd election.

Councilor Bitzas Emphasizes The Importance Of Quality Education For Our Children

In a statement released this week, Agawam City Councilor and candidate for re-election George Bitzas said, "I believe the future of our city, state, and country lie in the quality education we provide for our children."

"As a teacher and the parent of three children, I know the importance of a good education. As your councilor, I have always made the education of our children a top issue. During my tenure, I have supported and voted for school additions and renovations to alleviate overcrowding."

"I initiated workshops with state elected officials, the District Attorney, and local officials on drug and gang issues. I have repeatedly called for the expansion of the D.A.R.E. programs in our

Junior and Senior High schools. I supported and called for police presence on the High School grounds for the safety and protection of our children."

"I voted in favor of \$1 million in new educational technology, which included more computers. I voted in favor of increased funding so that more teachers could be hired, thus reducing class sizes."

"With your vote on November 2nd," Bitzas said, "I will be able to continue my support for education. Together we can continue to improve our schools and provide the best for all of our children. Please remember to vote November 2nd. I would appreciate your vote."

Russo Believes Westfield And Connecticut Rivers Have Great Recreational Potential

In a press statement this week, Louis Russo, candidate for election to the Agawam City Council, said, "Here in Agawam, we have two great natural assets in the Westfield and Connecticut Rivers."

"The entire eastern boundary of Agawam borders on the two waterways. Yet, Agawam has no community-sponsored recreational facilities that utilize these wonderful resources."

"As your City Councilor, I want to initiate a program, using state and federal funds, as well as volunteerism, to research and institute facilities and activities along Agawam's waterfronts."

"Some possible facilities could include a public boat launching site and waterfront park. Another possibility that I have received initial sup-

port for, is a fishing pier primarily designed for the elderly and handicapped, yet available to all. The head of our Department of Planning and Development has, in the past, stated that she feels my idea of the pier is a good one and would like to see it as part of the proposed bike path."

"Whether any of these projects are done in conjunction with the bike path or not, it is an idea that should at least be explored. Should the bike path become a reality, the ramp, waterfront, and pier could become extended facilities."

"If the bike path fails to materialize, my three suggestions are viable recreational additions that can be constructed on their own merits," concluded Russo.

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If you are unable to attend and you would like to contribute to the campaign, please send checks to: The Committee to Re-elect George Bitzas, 33 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, MA 01001.

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Bonavita Accepting Invitations For Coffee Hours

As a candidate for the Agawam City Council, Anthony C. Bonavita is accepting invitations for coffee hours throughout the election campaign.

Bonavita explained, "I have already been meeting voters to obtain their input. My committee members and I have been discussing different ways to meet the voters. Therefore, we plan to hold coffee hours where voters can ask questions on issues."

Bonavita, an Attorney with Bonavita, Walsh & Fogarty, resides at 683 Cooper Street, Agawam, with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Carlo and Franca. Both children has graduated from Agawam High School and now attend college.

John O'Brien of Feeding Hills serves as Bonavita's campaign committee chairman. O'Brien added, "Anthony is asking for the voters' opinions on the issues. He wants to know what issues are important to them. We believe coffee hours will help in that process."

Therefore, anyone who wants to schedule a coffee hour can contact Bonavita at 786-2079, O'Brien at 786-7438, or committee member Marie Kellogg at 789-8681.

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Mineo Believes In Maintaining Agawam's Progress

"My vision for Agawam is to maintain progress for our town," said Joseph Mineo, candidate for Agawam Town Council, in a press release.

"There have been many projects which have received much publicity, but little has been done about them. Among the most important projects that need to be addressed is the DPW garage. As you well know, the garage is in very bad condition and needs a new location."

"I would support the construction of a new DPW facility. Additionally, I will be a fresh voice of advocacy for our city. First and foremost, to provide support for our police and firefighters so that our community is safe for everyone. We must work closely with our educators to maintain accreditation for our high school," Mineo said.

"Services for our senior citizens will be an important part of my agenda. The infrastructure of our city, the roads, sewers, public buildings, and recreation centers and athletic fields, and the expansion of the public library will also take priority on my agenda."

"I believe I can provide positive leadership on issues that affect the lives of our citizens on a day-to-day basis. With the support of the Agawam voters, I promise to be open-minded and compassionate and caring to our community."

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"COOKS" DESIREE JACOBS AND HAL DEYO at the ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) breakfast at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



A FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST was recently held at the Agawam Senior Center to benefit the ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes). Members of the Agawam Lions Club were also on hand to help with the cooking and serving duties. Standing: Jim Taupier and Lyman Simpson. Seated: John Negrucci, Vi Presz, Jim Loomis, and Frank Chriscola. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

A "Good Neighbor"...

West Side/Agawam Open Pantry Awards Councilor Letellier

At its annual meeting on October 18th, the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry presented Good Neighbor awards to individuals and groups whose volunteer efforts helped to further the good work of the Pantry. Among those receiving awards was Agawam City Councilor Gina-Marie Letellier.

Letellier was rewarded for her individual efforts in two areas and as a member of the Agawam City Council and the Agawam Rotary Club. Candy Boucher, Executive Director of the Open Pantry, singled out Letellier for her contributions as the leader of the "Souper Sunday" food drive and as an advertiser in the Open Pantry's programs. The "Souper Sunday" food drive was a food collection drive linked to the "Super Sunday" Super Bowl.

"This year was the first time this Pantry had organized such a Super Bowl themed food drive," noted Letellier. "I hope this becomes an annual event that people will contribute to and remember. I plan on working on it again with the assistance of the grocery stores in the Agawam area," Letellier continued.

Although a member of the Board of Directors for the Pantry, Letellier was surprised to be singled out for her efforts. "They must have discussed this when I was not present. I don't think any of us who received this award do it for the recognition. The service and knowing you are helping people is its own reward."

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry is changing its name to the Parish Cupboard to avoid confusion with the Springfield Open Pantry. All are invited to the Parish Cupboard's Open House on Thursday, October 21st, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Charity Picnic Slated At Agawam American Legion On Oct. 23rd

On Saturday, October 23rd, a Charity Picnic will be held from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 185, 478 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Entertainment will be provided by three different bands, and there will be hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages available.

At 5:00 p.m., a chicken barbecue dinner will be served, followed by music from the Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers.

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I thought that it would be interesting to write about the **History of the Beauty Industry**. I came across some very interesting facts and would like to share them with you.

The American Indian was the first to use a moisturizer as weather protection and as a base for make-up. He found that body paint wore longer and applied easier if he first oiled his body with animal fat. This also protected him well from the elements, and made removal easier.

They were experts in creating vegetable dyes, using iron salts as a fixative for their paints used in painting their bodies for ceremonials or for the warpath.

In the later 1600's, with the overthrow of the Dutch, New York became a center of British culture. With this came the use of powder, rouge, skin lotions, perfumes and toilet water, and pomatum (a scented ointment for the hair known as pomade today). These were only used among the gentry, with laws forbidding its use among the lower classes.

Powdered wigs were very fashionable for the men. The ladies wore a fabric-covered wire frame about 12 inches high on their heads, which was elaborately designed with hair and beads, feathers, and wares. These were held in place for as long as three to nine weeks in the summer, and up to three months in the winter, by use of lacquer made of starch and pomatum, then dusted with scented powder. This was taken down and washed only when perfumes could no longer conceal the odor!

Servants were the caregivers of these fine wigs until the first professional hairdressers and wig-makers migrated to the U.S. in 1715. By 1750, there were 41 hairdressers in New York.

(To be continued next week...)

At The Big E Coliseum...

**First Annual "Haunted
Tunnel" To Benefit
United Way Campaign**

The American Saw and Mfg. Company and the Community United Way will host the first annual "United We Haunt - Haunted Tunnel" at the Big E Coliseum in West Springfield on the evenings of October 28th, 29th, and 30th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

If you enjoy being frightened by ghosts and goblins, you don't want to miss the "Haunted Tunnel." The Tunnel is being produced by the staff of American Saw and is a creative new way to raise money for the United Way.

The cost of admission is \$5 per person; however, parking is free. All proceeds will go to this year's Community United Way Fund-Raising Campaign.

This event is rated PG-13; therefore, children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult or they will not be admitted. Moreover, the Tunnel is not recommended for persons with a weak disposition.

The staff of American Saw has been working hard for several months to create a truly spooky experience for this Halloween season, so don't miss this unique adventure.

Refreshments will be available if you make it through the "Haunted Tunnel." And remember, please do not enter the Tunnel alone!

**Bob And Cathy Molta
Announce Birth Of
Son, Christopher L.**

Bob and Cathy Molta are proud to announce the birth of their son, Christopher Lawrence, on July 1, 1999. This is their first child.

Christopher was born at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Patricia Sheehan of Agawam.

Paternal grandparents are Dante and Madeline Molta of Westfield.

**Agawam High's Class
Of 1944 Schedules
55th Reunion Weekend**

The Agawam High School Class of 1944 will hold its 55th class reunion on Saturday, October 30th and Sunday, October 31st.

On Saturday evening, the alumni and their guests will meet at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner at 6:30.

On Sunday morning at 10:00, a brunch will be enjoyed at the Ivanhoe Restaurant in West Springfield.

Committee members include Susie Cotton, Marjorie Colli, Alice McMullen, Ralph Barker, Frank Carleo, Joyce Colburn, Alice Quick, and Elizabeth Wescott.

Reservations with payment should be sent to Marjorie Colli no later than October 13th.

**Community Grange
No. 382 To Hold
Polish Supper**

Community Grange No. 382 will hold a Polish Supper on Saturday, October 23rd, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West St.

The menu will consist of homemade stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, baked beans, vegetable, rye bread and butter, choice of dessert, coffee, tea, juice, or milk.

Donation is \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061 or Evelyn at 786-0821.

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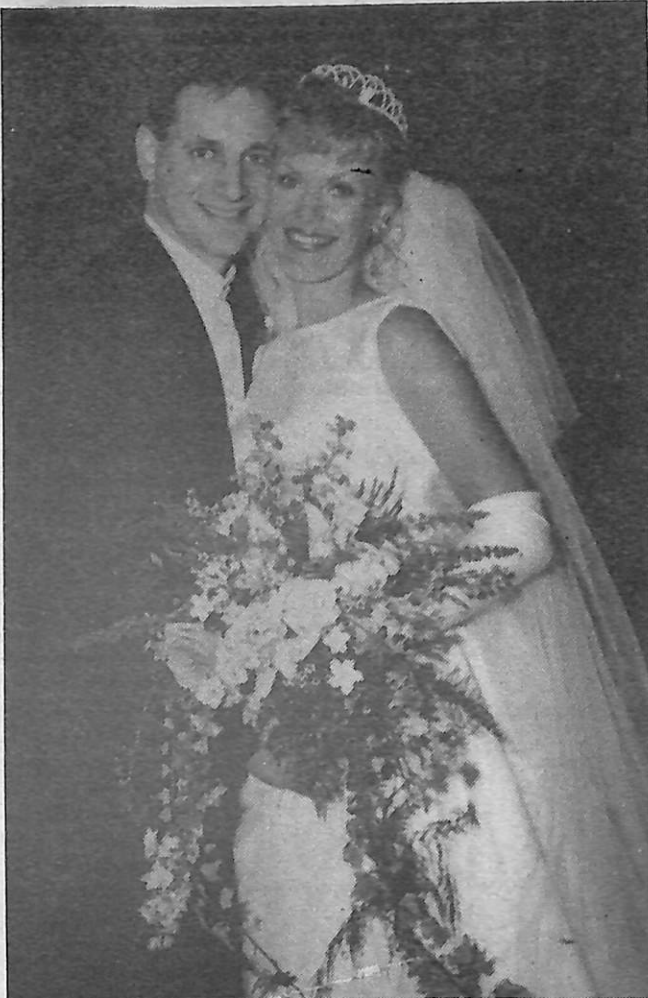
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To obtain a ticket, please call Edie Chiba at 786-5539 or Vi Presz at 786-3164, or obtain a ticket at the Senior Center. We will leave the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. and arrive at Foxwoods at approximately 9:30 a.m. We will leave Foxwoods at 4:00 p.m. sharp, arriving home at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth DeLorge of Somers, CT, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Nicole, to Rick Brown, son of Joanne Brown of Feeding Hills and Roger Brown of Agawam.

The wedding took place in Somers Congregational Church on October 2, 1999, with a reception at Sun Valley Resorts in Stafford Springs following the ceremony.

The bride wore a gown of white satin and pearls and carried a bouquet of roses and lilies. Her attendants wore plum-colored, off-the-shoulder floor-length gowns.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her cousin, Melissa Haughn of Somers. Bridesmaids were Rachel DeLorge, sister of the bride, and Melissa Brown, sister of the groom.

Attending the groom as best man was Troy Conlin of Feeding Hills. Ushers were Jason DeLorge, brother of the bride, and Tom McElligott, formerly of Feeding Hills, now in Florida.

Flower girls included cousins of the bride Ashley Anderson and Amanda McCahey, and cousin of the groom Alexandra Kapantais. Corey Vincent Brown, son of the bridal couple, served as ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Somers High School and is a manager of Garden Botanica in Glastonbury, CT.

The groom is a graduate of Agawam High School and attended Holyoke Community College. He is a glass fabricator at U.S. Glass in Enfield, CT.

The couple will reside in Enfield, CT.

Chicken Pie Supper At Feeding Hills Congregational

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a **Chicken Pie Supper**, minibazaar, and food sale on Saturday, November 13th.

The menu will include chicken pie, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, homemade apple or squash pie, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under eight, preschool age children are free, with servings at 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

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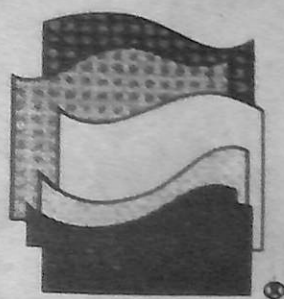
Jennifer A. Vinesett, 24, and Thomas R. Burger, 28, exchanged marriage vows on August 28th in a ceremony at Assumption Church in Chicopee.

Parents of the bride are Kathy M. Vinesett of Agawam and Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Vinesett of Blandford. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Real F. Theroux of Ludlow and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Burger, Sr. of Fairfax, Virginia.

Rebecca Martin attended the bride as matron of honor. Paul Wegrzyn served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and is attending Holyoke Community College. She is a courtroom procedure clerk for the Northampton District Court.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School and Holyoke Community College. He is a state-certified emergency medical technician and a police officer of Franklin County.



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Paul Tatro Reflects On His Various Roles In Education

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Paul Tatro of Elbert Road spent most of his life in Agawam, rising from the teaching ranks to the second highest in the School Department, assistant superintendent.

The fourth of five children of Margaret and Ray Tatro, the family lived in a house on the corner of Adam and Main Streets, Paul explained in a recent interview. The house was documented in a booklet distributed in 1930 at the 75th anniversary of Agawam. "It was reported to have been built in 1755," Paul said, "making it one of the oldest homes in Agawam."

From grades one through three, Paul attended a one-room schoolhouse at the corner of Main and River Streets, and grades four through six at Phelps School. He was active in student government and a member of the Honor Society at Agawam High School, graduating in 1940.

When World War II beckoned, he went in the Navy, serving from December 1942 to July 1946. He served throughout the Pacific Theater of operations and in the Harbor of Japan with the Army of occupation. He was on a patrol gunboat that was only 110 feet, 10 inches long and had a crew of 55 men and five officers. "Our work was mainly following mine sweepers that raised up mines for the patrol boat to destroy," he told us.

On June 29, 1949, Paul married Lucille Letendre of Feeding Hills, who had been one grade behind him at Agawam High School. For two years they lived in an apartment on Belmont Ave., Springfield. Then they located the property on Elbert Road, Agawam, and the brick home they have lived in since was built by Lucille's father, Adam Letendre.

While in the Navy, Paul was one of 45 men from the Naval Station assigned to study engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After a year, he was reassigned to Harvard University for training before being commissioned as a Navy Ensign in late 1944. After service, he continued a Navy affiliation with the Naval Reserve Program on Cass Street in Springfield until he retired in 1972 as a lieutenant commander.

He and Lucille are parents of Paula Tangredi of Milford, the only offspring to follow her dad into teaching; Glenn and Tommy of Charlotte, North Carolina; Cynthia Bovat, and Paul Jr. of Feeding Hills. Cynthia lives in the house her grandfather was brought up in, and Paula teaches in Milford, Connecticut.

A "Unique" Career

After finishing college, Paul worked in industry for a year and then secured a job teaching general science at Agawam High School from 1948-53. Higher salaries in Springfield motivated his moving to Buckingham Junior High for eight years. In later years, Paul moved all over the city and called his career "unique."

In 1963, he became acting principal at Classical Junior High, replacing the late John V. Shea who had taken a job with the Springfield Action Commission. After one year, Shea returned and in 1964, Tatro was returned to Chestnut as assistant principal.

In 1966, as assistant principal, he opened Ken-



DURING A VISIT TO AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL when Paul Tatro (center) was principal, the late Congressman Silvio Conti (right) speaks with teacher Arthur Gates (left).

nedy Junior High with Principal John Roach.

In 1967, he returned to Buckingham Jr. High to close it up.

In 1968, he became assistant principal at Technical High.

In 1969, He was named assistant principal at Chestnut Street Junior High School.

In January 1970, he was assistant principal at Classical High School and in July 1970, he was appointed principal of Agawam High School.

"I was an iterate administrator," Paul joked. "I was an expert at opening and closing schools."

In April 1972, he was appointed principal of Agawam Junior High School eight months before it opened. "This was to staff it and order equipment and supplies, etc." The school opened January 10, 1973 and Paul was principal until November 1982 when he was appointed assistant superintendent of schools.

He retired in 1988.

Paul certainly looks back on a unique career of being assigned where and when needed and rising from teaching to the second highest position in his native town's schools. While he describes this with satisfaction, he shows no signs of wanting to be first.

Always active in sports, although not a player, Paul timed basketball games for 20 years at Agawam High and spoke of being acquainted with sports figures, coaches, and sports reporters.

A member of the Agawam Lions Club, he was also a past president and past District 33 Y Governor of Lions International. The family attends St. John the Evangelist Church and Paul is a life member of the Knights of Columbus.

He continues his long-time activities of reading and playing golf as a member of the "GOTCHA" Golf League at St. Anne's Country Club. The league has been in existence for 35 years and



PAUL TATRO

Paul was one of the first members.

Paul spoke of old homes and schools with humor and always upbeat, he added, "It is impossible to compare schools now with then as society has changed so much."

Reminded that he was known as a heavy disciplinarian, he exclaimed, "And I was." Having been one of five children and raising five of his own, he has definite ideas on discipline.

He and Lucille have a condominium in Boynton Beach, Florida, where they escape the cold from late October until April.

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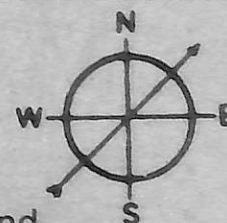
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"Toasting" The Toastmasters...



ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, the Agawam/West Side Toastmasters met at the Agawam Public Library to celebrate Toastmasters International's 75th anniversary. This nostalgic evening featured refreshments, "oldies" music, and interesting discourse. From left to right: Rich Januska, Dave Henderson, Don Prisby, Joanne Attardi, Jim McDougal, Ron Drolett, and Marc Longtin. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Happy Birthday, Pheasant Hill!!!



IN LEFT PHOTO: Pheasant Hill Village residents Elizabeth Chunglo and Gina Santolin at the 20th anniversary celebration of Pheasant Hill on Friday, October 8th. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Rose Mezzetti, a 20-year resident of Pheasant Hill Village. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



KERIANN ALVIGINI AND JOSEPH C. CWIAK

Keriann Alvigini Engaged To Wed Joseph Charles Cwiak

The engagement of Keriann Alvigini to Joseph Charles Cwiak has been announced. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late David Alvigini and Diane Czupryna of Gill and is a graduate of Agawam High School and Daytona Beach College.

Keriann is employed in the Logistics Department at Aiwa America, Inc. and also attends college in Pennsylvania.

Joseph is the son of Henry and Janice Cwiak of Kenilworth, New Jersey and is a graduate of David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth, New Jersey. He holds undergraduate degrees in both chemical engineering and history from Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey and is pursuing graduate studies.

He is employed as a Process Development Engineer at Binney & Smith, Inc. A December 1, 2000 wedding is planned in New Jersey. They both currently reside in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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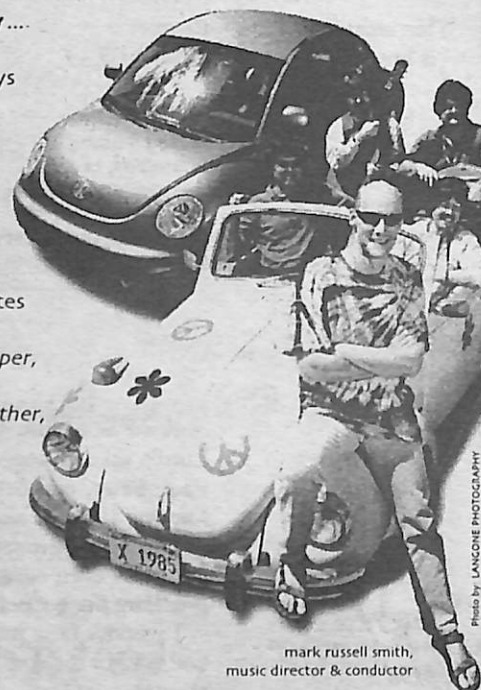
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DAVID G. SILVERNAIL, who graduated from Agawam High School in 1978, became the Town of Southampton's newest Police Chief during a swearing-in ceremony on Thursday, September 30th, in Southampton Town Hall. Silvernail's wife, the former Susan Rossi, is a 1980 graduate of AHS, and his dad, Richard, is a retiree who lives in Agawam.



AHS Grad Becomes Police Chief For Town Of Southampton

David G. Silvernail, a 1978 Agawam High School graduate, was sworn in as Police Chief for the Town of Southampton, Thursday, September 30th in Town Hall before officers, local supporters, and family members.

The decision was met with a hearty round of applause from those present in the packed Town Hall.

Silvernail was the board's unanimous choice, noting he had strong support from the public and the department.

The board received more than 25 letters supporting Silvernail, some with multiple signatures and also from present and past chiefs.

"I have never seen an appointed official attract so much attention in all my years as Selectman," said Lee Hollingsworth.

Silvernail's father, Richard, had the honor of pinning the new chief's badge onto his uniform. "I didn't ever think it would come to something like this when he first joined the department in 1986," said Richard, who is retired and lives in Agawam. "He finally made it."

His wife, Susan (Rossi) Silvernail, a 1980 Agawam High graduate, said she felt "it would be a proud moment" if his father did the honors. She explained his mother, Joann, and brother, Scott, had passed away and she felt it would be appropriate for his father to have the distinction.

"I'm extremely proud of David," she said. "He's really been dedicated to the community and department. I'm just so thrilled."

The new chief said, "I've dedicated my entire career to Southampton, and appreciate the support of the department and residents in town who expressed their interest in the future of this town."

Silvernail is also a graduate of the Mass. Criminal Justice Police Academy in Feeding Hills and is currently attending Curry College, working towards his bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Ag. Women's Club To Meet On October 25th

Seth Kellogg will talk about his interesting column in the Springfield newspaper on "Area Birds."

This program will begin at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 25th at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. All members are urged to come and bring a friend.

Doris Kistner will give the invocation and Jessie Fuller is in charge of hospitality.

If you would like to join the Agawam Women's Club, please feel free to come Monday evening.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 25th: Sweet and sour pork ribs, rice, Oriental mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, pears.

Tuesday, October 26th: Beef pot pie, butternut squash, rudi rolls, cookies.

Wednesday, October 27th: Vegetable lasagna, tossed salad, breadsticks, Jello with fruit.

Thursday, October 28th: Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, rudi roll, fruit ambrosia.

Friday, October 29th: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn muffins, plums.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Retirement Party For Larry Harbeson

A retirement party in honor of Larry Harbeson will be held Wednesday, November 10th at Alexander's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Teachers, parents, and friends are welcome!

Social hour and hors d'oeuvres are scheduled from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with a buffet dinner starting at 7:00. Homemade desserts will follow.

Tickets are \$30 per person. Checks should be made payable to Alexander's Restaurant and mailed to Phyllis Lewis at Granger School or Kurt Parker at Robinson Park School. Checks must be in by Friday, November 5th.

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I remember a time when my children were young and my wife was in bed with a stubborn case of the flu. I was trying to fill in for her the best I could, but the kids weren't cooperating. Even though I spent a lot of time playing with them, they seemed determined to fill the house with more noise and mess than I could tolerate. Why couldn't they calm down and do more to help? I wondered why they couldn't be more considerate for their mother's sake—and for my sake?

Then I thought about my relationship with God. Do I treat Him the way my kids were treating me? He must be grieved at times by my insensitivity to His concerns.

Later I began looking up every passage of Scripture that mentions doing something for the Lord's sake, doing what we know pleases Him. I read about Paul, Peter, and Stephen—men who put their lives on the line for Christ's sake. For them that phrase was a way of life, not just empty words. On one occasion, the apostle Paul was even stoned and left for dead because he dared to proclaim the gospel (Acts 14:19).

I wonder how much of what I do and say is for my Lord and Savior's sake? That's a good question for all of us to ponder. —MRDII

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James Dean Retzler, age one, and his sister, Brianna Taylor Retzler, age four, the children of Jim & Bridgette Retzler of Agawam, have competed in the annual SUNBURST USA pageant held on Sunday, October 10th, at Hampshire Mall in Hadley. The children were also accompanied by their grandparents, James & Ursula Retzler of Westfield.

Contestants, ages newborn through four years, were required to "model" on stage for assessment of their personality projection and their overall appearance.

James Dean was the first-place Overall winner in the Baby Boy division and also won for best hair and best eyes. Brianna was also the first-place Overall winner in the Tiny Girl division and also winner for best attire and prettiest eyes.

They both will advance into the state competition being held in April 2000 at Cape Cod. At this next level of competition, the children will again perform and be evaluated by modeling agencies in New York City, Boston, and Philadelphia who will select local talented children for upcoming print and TV assignments.

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Registration for the parade and contest begin at 11:00 a.m. on Dave's Green (next to the parking lot).

Pack 77's Bottle Drive Set For October 23rd

On Saturday, October 23rd from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Pack 77 will hold a bottle drive in St. John's parking lot.

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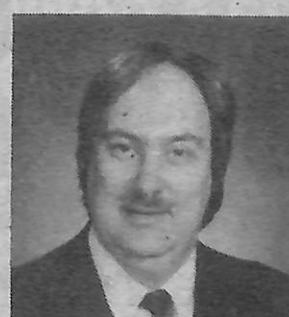
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Church News

Baptist Church Group To Participate In Rays Of Hope Walk

Members of the First Baptist Church will participate in the Rays of Hope, Walk Towards a Cure for Breast Cancer, this Sunday, October 24th. The team consists of members of the Caring Connection, and is in memory of former member Connie Hollis.

If you are unable to walk with our team, please consider sponsoring our team. Send your tax-deductible pledge to Rays of Hope, c/o Nancy Vellozo, 110 High Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

At the 9:30 a.m. service of worship this Sunday, Pastor Rick Barnes will use as his sermon theme "Well, You Asked!" He will be reading Matthew 22:23-33 for his scriptural text.

The responsive reading will be led by Raquel Rodriguez.

The newly-formed handiwork group will meet again this week on Thursday, October 28th, at the home of Dorothy Major, 1108 Main Street, at 2:00 p.m.

Bring your own project and supplies, or come join the group for fellowship.

Also on our calendar this week:

Monday, October 25th: 7:30 p.m., Social Action Committee.

Tuesday, October 26th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Bible Study (home of Phyllis Cathepaugh); 7:00 p.m., Youth Group.

Wednesday, October 27th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 28th: 2:00 p.m., Handiwork Group at Dot Major's; 7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal; 8:30 p.m., Worship Team Meeting.

Caring Connection contacts for the month of October are Charlie and Lorie Baker (786-8140).

Chicken Pie Supper Slated At Agawam Congregational

The Catering Committee of the Agawam Congregational Church is putting on a Chicken Pie Supper on October 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner will be chicken and biscuits, squash, green beans, rolls and butter, and cranberry sauce. Dessert will be homemade apple pie.

Adults are \$7.50 and children are \$4. Please call the church office at 786-7111 for reservations by October 21st.

Donations At "Sunday School Shower"...



CHILDREN AT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH enjoy the gifts and supplies donated to them and their teachers, Sue Pearsons and Betty Kopy, during a "Sunday School Shower." The donations of books, paper, puzzles, crayons, and pencils were given by the members of the congregation to help kick off the church's Christian education program. Valley Community Church is non-denominational and welcomes all those of the Christian faith to join them at 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills. The Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday School follows fellowship at 11:00 a.m.

Car Wash At Agawam Baptist Church...



HAVING FUN WHILE RAISING MONEY at the October 2nd car wash at Agawam Baptist Church (from left to right): John Barber (Youth Leader), Ricky Walker (Youth Group member), and Steve Bailey (Youth Director). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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St. John's Parish
News And Notes

PARISH MISSION

Our "Parish Mission" will take place from October 25th through October 27th, with morning mass at 8:30 a.m. and the mission service at 7:00 p.m.

TRAFFIC ATTENDANTS

Anyone who can help, even part-time, is asked to call Annette Reynolds, 786-8105.

Parents are asked to help by following the patterns established for safety. Night comes earlier these nights, so care on Monday and Tuesday nights is critical.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

Our Parish Singles Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

OUR YOUTH GROUP HAY RIDE

A hay ride has been scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd, for students in grades five and up.

There will be two rides (for those in grades 5-7 and grades 8-12). There is a \$5 deposit which will be returned the night of the hayride.

Sounds like fun! Waiver forms should be returned with the reservation.

ST. JOHN'S OVER-60 CLUB

The Club is planning to attend "A Cabaret Christmas" at the Inn at Northampton on November 18th. The cost is \$36 for lunch, the show, and bus fare.

The group will leave at 10:30 a.m. and return by 4:15 p.m. For reservations, call Barbara, 569-9830, or Lil, 786-9586.

TUTORS NEEDED

The three-year program to assist students with academic needs has been expanded to the Junior High. Time spent is minimal; during the school hours or after-school, only one to two hours per week.

If you can help, call Mary Bennett at 786-3739, Sylvia Deliso at 786-1859, or Pat Roberts at 786-8580.

Harvest Supper
At Mittineague
Methodist Church

Mittineague Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield, is hosting a Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.

The meal will consist of a roast pork dinner with assorted homemade pies for dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages four through 11. Children under three are free.

Also available will be a baked goods table, "good as new," and crafts.

For reservations, call 788-0304 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or leave machine message anytime.

Katelyn—
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10/25/83

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kristin and KaraWeekly Listing Of News And Notes From
The Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Are You a Role Model?" The Lector this week will be Jackie Gilmartin. The Bible reading will be Colossians 3:1-14.

Ushering will be Sue and Greg Boisvert. Samantha Justilian and Rich Rozanski will be our acolytes. Matthew Granger will host the Coffee Hour.

Sunday School students will leave at a designated time for a musical activity this week. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Following worship on October 24th, church members are invited to a discussion of the proposed changes to church bylaws. A vote on the changes will take place at a special meeting on November 7, 1999.

Member are encouraged to attend the discussion prior to the November vote so that a better informed decision may be made.

Thank-you to all who helped support last week's CROPWALK. It was very exciting to see the increased number of walkers this year.

Plans are in the works for another Community Thanksgiving Dinner here at the church. If you are interested in helping the Agawam Parish Association, please call Art Theobald at 789-4271 for further details.

Looking for a clean, smoke- and alcohol-free place to hold your meeting, wedding or baby shower, or other activity? The church hall is

available for use by members and non-members. Access to the kitchen is also available.

Please call the church office at 786-5061 if you are interested in scheduling an event and would like rental information.

The Ladies Benevolent Society is pleased to announce their annual Chicken Pie Supper will be held on Saturday, November 13, 1999. Delicious meals will be served at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu includes chicken pie (of course!), whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, and beverage. If that scrumptious feast is not enough, diners who feel they have room left may top off their meal with a slice of homemade apple or squash pie.

Adults may purchase a meal for \$7.50; children under eight, \$3; preschool children dine for free. A mini-bazaar and bake sale will be held also.

For reservations, please call Mrs. Betty Bava at 786-0679 or Mrs. Barbara Swanson at 786-5732. We've had several phone calls already in anticipation of this event, so don't wait to make a call for your reservations!

On the calendar:

Sunday, October 24th: 10:00 a.m., Worship followed by bylaws discussion; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Cub Scouts Pack meeting.

Monday, October 25th: 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.


Tuesday, October 26th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, October 27th: 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, October 28th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Because we are in the midst of a political season, we encourage everyone to bring in press releases, "letters to the editor," and ads by the end of the day on Mondays. Thank you ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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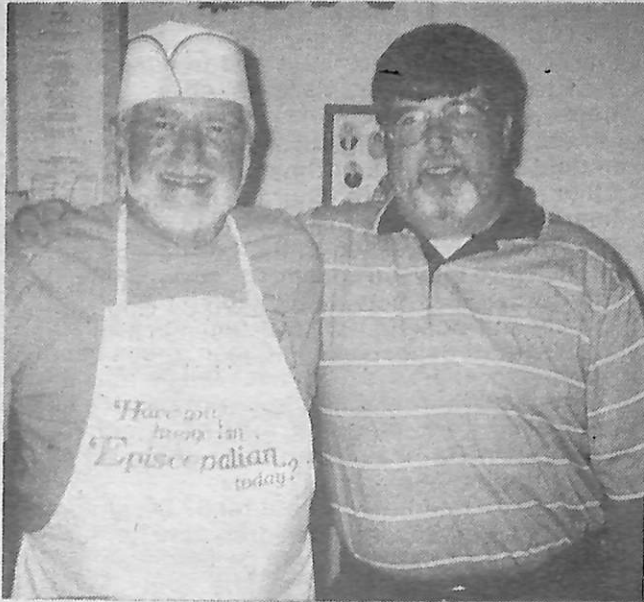
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Church News - continued...

Spaghetti & Meatballs At St. David's Church...



COOK/CHEF KEN BARREPSKI (left) with St. David's parishioner Ken Fellows at the church's October 4th spaghetti and meatball dinner. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



A SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER was held at St. David's Church on Monday, October 4th. IN PHOTO ABOVE: Lynn Litchfield, Barbara Kupec, and Jim Birchall. IN PHOTO BELOW: Virginia Lake, Helen Boissonneault, and Laurel Gagnon. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

On Oct. 23rd In West Side...

Holiday Bazaar At Immaculate Conception Church

West Springfield's Immaculate Conception Church will present a holiday bazaar this Saturday, October 23rd, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The 475 Main Street church's school auditorium is the setting, and some of the area's finest hand-crafted arts will be featured. Many exciting outside vendors are participating this year, adding to the selection of items available at this ever-expanding event.

There will be a Chinese auction as well as a raffle offering, among other prizes, a basket of holiday goodies, another of Beanie Babies, a "Serenity" nativity, an outdoor holiday flag, and several mystery prizes. All winners, who do not have to be present, will be drawn at 6:00 p.m.

But why not stay around that afternoon? In keeping with the family holiday atmosphere, a chicken pot pie supper will be served after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Tickets for adults are each \$8, \$6 for seniors citizens, and \$5 for children under 12. Dessert and light entertainment follow.

As in past years, our CCD and refurbishing programs will be among the beneficiaries of the proceeds from this festive day. Important improvements to the former school building will be a plus for the community at large beginning the year 2000.

Come on in and get into the holiday spirit, as it is never too early to shop for decorations and ornaments, stocking stuffers, and handcrafted gifts of all kinds. Our extremely popular baked goods tables will be overflowing, too.

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Attributes Of A Healthy Church - Part II...

In last week's edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, I discussed the first of the three attributes of a healthy church that are described in the Bible — **work produced by faith**. This week, I will be discussing the other two attributes — **labor prompted by love** and **endurance inspired by hope** in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Labor prompted by love. Whereas **work** describes deeds, **labor** describes the ongoing efforts of the church on behalf of others. It has been observed that the church is the only organization on earth which exists for the benefit of those who don't belong to it. That is not entirely true, since members of the church also benefit from the

church's existence.

The word employed for **love** is *agape*, which means "love in action." The Bible uses a couple of words for love, one is *agape* and the other is *philos*. *Philos* describes feelings or emotions, while *agape* speaks of loving actions.

When God commands us to love our neighbor, the Bible employs *agape*; God doesn't command us to feel something, but rather to do something. It has been said that God says, "I must love my neighbor, but I don't have to like him."

However, human experience demonstrates that our feelings always follow our actions. We will, therefore, obtain the further benefit that **labor prompted by love** will lead to affection for those around us.

Endurance inspired by hope. Endurance is an attribute admired by many, but lacking in too many. These days, we often hear people complaining of "burnout," or just giving up. We live in a world which is increasingly oriented towards the short term, whether it's day trading in the stock market or spinning a political story within a 24-hour news cycle. However, real success, in any

arena of life, is the result of long-term staying power. That which lasts is what matters.

The people of God should be the people of **hope in the Lord Jesus**. We, of all people, should be hopeful, since we are confident of God's grace for this life, as well as a life that goes beyond this world.

The Bible uses three adjectives to describe **hope; good, blessed, and living**. Our **hope** is **good**, meaning it is beneficial in its effect. Our **hope** should benefit us and those around us, if for no other reason than to encourage us and to keep our hearts and minds focused on God and His grace towards us, expressed in the Lord Jesus.

The word **blessed** appears in the Gospels, in the Beatitudes. Our **hope** is **blessed** by God Himself. Finally, our **hope in the Lord Jesus** is **living**; it has a strength of its own and can impart hope to others.

The Bible says, **these three remain: faith, hope, and love**. Our focus should be on that which lasts. The church is not a building, not a choir or music, not the clergy. The church is the people of God who know Him and are therefore increasingly filled with **faith, love, and hope**.

Calendar From Ag. Congregational

On the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (October 24th), the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, will worship at 10:30 a.m., and the Rev. Eric Bascom, Interim Pastor, will preach on "On Catching the Right Plane," based on a portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in the seventh chapter of Matthew.

Church School (seventh- through 12th-grade) and Confirmation Classes meet at 9:00 a.m. Crib Room through sixth-grade meet during the Worship Service.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Midweek Worship Service has been changed to 6:45 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary, and will be led by Eric Bascom.

The Adult Bible Study Group will meet next on Thursday, October 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

Want to know more about the Bible? Do you have Bible stories to share? Is the Bible for you? Why not attend a meeting and see. All are welcome.

This group will be meeting on the first Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m., and the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. following the Midweek Service.

New members will be received into the church on November 28th, the First Sunday of Advent. For those interested, Dr. Bascom will lead a brief series of orientations called "Everything You Wanted to Know about Christianity but Were Too Afraid to Ask."

People considering joining the church should contact the pastor or the church office, 786-7111, as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Mark your calendars and save this date for the Catering Group's Chicken Pie Supper — Saturday, October 23rd, at 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir continues to meet for rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m.

New voices are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining the choir may attend.

The choir is under the direction of the Minister of Music, Ms. Ellen Cogen.

Playgroup at the church is up and running under the direction of Ms. Sue Tapply, Family Outreach Coordinator.

Want to join in on the fun and friendship? Stop by on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Call the church office at 786-7111.

Rev. Eric Bascom's book, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit," is now on sale. The \$10 book may be purchased at the church office.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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Business Continuation Planning: An Early Start May Help You Succeed (Part I Of II)

Owners of small businesses are often so busy that they rarely think about how or when they should exit their venture — or how their operation would fare without them.

But the idea of you no longer being able, willing, or present to head your business is worth contemplating. Planning ahead can help you achieve many objectives — including increasing your eventual "cash out," passing the business to your heirs, going public and selling stock, or just making sure the operation is liquidated in an orderly manner.

A variety of exit options. The specific business continuation strategy you choose depends on your objectives and the interests of your family, partners (and their heirs), and employees. Your strategy may include:

Liquidation upon your departure. This may be a simple, attractive option for consultants, professionals, or businesses in which the owner's knowledge, skills, or experience are the operation's core asset. With a liquidation, though, you lose the ongoing source of income, and any assets might sell for a fraction of their value as part of an active business.

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Legal Memo

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LANDLORD & TENANT Warranty Of Habitability - Security Deposit Violation

The plaintiffs rented a single-family home and paid a security deposit which the landlord allegedly didn't deposit.

Beginning in the fall, the tenants noted standing sewage water directly behind the home caused by a faulty cesspool. The landlord hired a company that opened up the cesspool and told the tenants to call when it filled up and overflowed.

The cesspool was pumped 24 times. The overflow backed up into the home, requiring the tenants to use buckets for toilets and to vacate on occasion to a motel. The plaintiffs claimed to have become physically ill and emotionally upset.

When notified by the local Board of Health, the landlord notified the tenants to move since correction would be too costly. He thereafter started eviction proceedings. The eviction was dismissed for insufficient notice.

On the tenants' counterclaim, the court awarded \$2,550 for security deposit violations, plus attorney's fees; \$14,450 for breach of implied warranty of habitability; and \$15,000 for infliction of emotional distress. The court found the landlord's actions were violative of G.L.c. 93A and trebled the damages.

The court also ordered the municipality to condemn the property and relocate the tenants to suitable accommodations at the landlord's expense.

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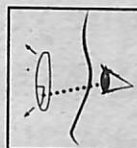
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COMMON SENSE
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**Problem-Solving
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The human attention is a marvelous thing. Almost any problem will give way if we focus our attention on it for long enough. Often our troubles are due to refusing to look at a problem. We look at something we don't particularly want to do or we have a thought about something that we want to evade, so our attention passes on to the next thing.

The best solution is to split our tasks into chunks .. and then concentrate on one of them. To give an example: It's morning; you have an important meeting that afternoon which you have to prepare for; the phone rings and it's someone who needs something urgently; you have any number of important tasks which are piling up. Suddenly you just can't seem to do anything. What do you do?

I'm sure you have often found yourself in this sort of situation or something comparable to it. The best solution is to make a list of everything you have to do. Then grade all the items MUST DO, SHOULD DO, and COULD DO, and pick one of the items on the MUST DO list to start working on. You will suddenly find the problem seems much more within your grasp.

What you have done is first of all quantified what you have to do. Just the act of writing down everything on a piece of paper (or typing it into your computer) reduces the anxiety level. And then by prioritizing the items, we can start work on the first one secure in the knowledge that we are doing the most important thing first. By focusing on just this one item, we are far more likely to do it efficiently than by rushing from one thing to another.

A good principle is to focus on one thing at a time. Whatever you are doing, do just that one thing and nothing else. That applies just as much to our leisure activities as to our work.

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come. Whether such a sale occurs due to your retirement, death, or disability, a detailed buy-sell agreement is essential to spell out:

- who will buy and assume control of the business;
- what the price will be or how the business will be valued;
- how the purchase is to be funded (usually either through life insurance, funds amassed earlier for this purpose, a loan, or installment payments to you or your heir);
- who will receive the proceeds of the sale; and...
- how surviving partners and heirs are to divide business control and assets.

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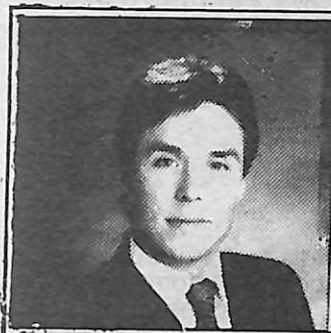


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LAST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, Agawam seniors received flu shots at the Danahy Housing for the Elderly. IN PHOTOS ABOVE: Town Nurse Sherry Petrucci administers shots to Donna Ledoux (left photo) and Gerald Ledoux (right photo). IN PHOTO BELOW: Agawam Health Agent Randy White (left) registers Gloria Lascala for her flu shot. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



Your Back And Your Health

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What Is Aging? (Part I Of II)...

Have you ever wondered how some people seem to age gracefully and with good health, but others suffer with an increasing number of health maladies which make the golden years difficult to bear? Arthritis, osteoporosis, type 2 diabetes, cancer, hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, cataracts, Parkinson's disease, or Alzheimer's, are some of the conditions commonly associated with getting old. Will you eventually suffer with these conditions?

Here are some things to consider when we think about what aging really means. People may be more prone to diseases as they get older, but just because you get older doesn't mean you will experience the symptoms associated with these and other diseases. Although the disease process and the aging process may run concurrently, *they are not the same thing.*

You can get sick and even die from many diseases common to old age, but you don't have to get old to have such diseases. And if you maintain an optimal level of wellness, you should be able to get older without automatically and inescapably being condemned to the pain, discomfort, and disabilities associated with many disease states. Growing old and getting sick simply are not interchangeable or even inextricably linked processes.

More and more people are living longer and staying healthier — and happier — as they get older. The key is to gain control over your health as early in your life as possible. Learning how to stay well will give you a better chance of feeling well, longer. The increasing numbers of seniors is attributable, in part, to the growing reliance on health care that stresses lifelong wellness, a properly functioning nerve system, proper diet, and adequate exercise (which are all mainstays of chiropractic care).

Hoping that cures are found for such scourges as cancer, heart disease, and AIDS will have little impact on your quality of life as you live day by day into your seventies, eighties, and nineties.

(To be continued next week...)

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Fitness Tips...
by
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Parents And Coaches...

I bet this title got some people's full attention. As I mentioned last week, the parents and coaches have very different roles. It is easy to sometimes get caught up in the game or practice and lose sight of the important things.

You want your child to experience positive results from participating in sports. You want them to learn, have fun, increase self-esteem, and perform at their best. I'd like to talk to parents, as I feel you have the most impact on your child's results.

I mentioned a few guidelines last week that I had received from Dr. Goldberg. I'd like to touch on a few more and expand on some.

I had written about being supportive. Support the fun they are having. Support the wins and losses. The coach will point out strategies, performance, and technicalities you need to support. If it is not fun for the child, what exactly is the point?

When it gets too serious, athletes tend to burn out and be more susceptible to problems. Even the most highly competitive sport has room for fun. If they are not having fun, find out why. Is it the team? Is it the coach? Is it you? INVESTIGATE!

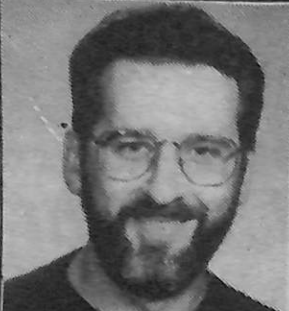
I love the saying, "Happiness is a way of living, not an end result." This is something to think about. Stress the process, not the outcome of their actions. One reason why people "choke" is that they are focusing on the outcome, the win or the loss, not the process. Keep their focus on the here and now, staying present and focused on the task at hand.

The best performance you will see is someone completely absorbed in the performance or game, not focusing on the ending. An outcome focus will tighten them up and completely distract even the best athletes.

Coaches, for the most part, know their jobs. Once in a while, you can have a problem like someone being too demanding, too controlling, too whatever. I raised this question to Dr. Goldberg. He suggested, and I agree, at this point it is time to talk to your child.

How much is this affecting your child? Is it counter-productive or is it tolerable? Is it going to affect performance or outcome? Talk and be open with your child. Let them know how you see things and compare how they feel.

You can also talk to the coach and verbalize your feelings, if this is okay with your child. Both the coach and the parent are crucial and need to be on the same team.



"Let's Talk About It"
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Family Membership (Part II):
Family Membership Has Its Privileges?

Last week, I opened up our conversation by introducing the theme of *family* and *personal* identity. I described how for many people these are one in the same. Many people struggle in their attempt at differentiating a *sense of self* different from their families' version of who they are and should be.

I would go so far as to say that the person who considers and takes seriously this idea that they can be *more* than their family identity is living life dangerously and on the edge. The danger, I believe, stems from the deep fear that if I cease to see myself exclusively, as my family identity, then I will cease to exist. It will feel as if my very self will not and can not exist apart from them.

There can be safety and comfort in knowing who I am, even if it is someone else's version. This can be especially true when surrounded by abuse, neglect, violence, addiction, and other forms of "dysfunction." As bad as these might be, people can and do take comfort in knowing, "at least I know who I am!" The fear of not knowing what *could be* can also keep us stuck in limited and even dangerous relationships.

It can be very unsettling when you attempt to honor the voice within that yearns for life as *you* could be and as God has intended you to be. Even thinking about your potential can be considered subversive to the family version. For many of us, there is a natural tension and conflict between knowing our family identity and wanting our own identity, different from the families'.

It is no easy task to create an identity that *seeks freedom* into a way of living that is *more* than the families' version! I am not advocating anyone cut-off from their family (identity). On the contrary, creating a *sense of self* is more about learning how to be *connected* to the family (identity) in new and different (non-abusive) ways. Doing this type of connection with one's family of origin can significantly support not repeating old relationship patterns today.

There is a strong systemic need to remain loyal to who the family system needs you to be in order for the family system to survive as it is into the next generation.

Is the cost for this generational transmission — your version — your story — your very identity? Family membership has a place, but do you think the cost should be your individual sense of self? What do you think?

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Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, October 27th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings. Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes: Tuesday, October 26th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Kelly Burek, D.P.M., will speak about "Diabetes and Caring for Your Feet."

For more information, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5178.

Caregivers' Support Group: October 27th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesday of each month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at (413) 562-7049.

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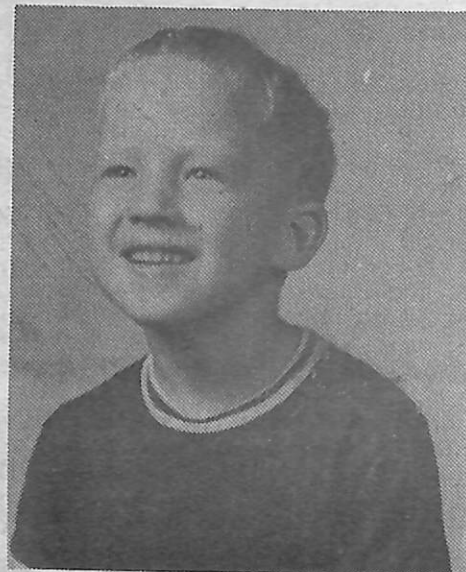
The Agawam Senior Center's ANNUAL HEALTH EXPO will be held at the Agawam Senior Center on Tuesday, October 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Some of the services that will be provided are blood pressure testing, cholesterol screening, and massage therapy.

This annual event also offers seniors the opportunity to speak with over 40 health care providers personally.

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Heel Spurs/Plantar Fascitis (Part I Of II)

Chronically painful feet are hard to ignore and sometimes hard to return to a pain-free state. Plantar fascitis is an inflammation of the fascia on the bottom of the foot. It is often considered the same as a heel spur. Some factors which cause these conditions are:

- * Excessive standing.
- * Unpadded shoes on hard ground.
- * Poor shoes.
- * Repetitive stress.
- * Diets low in vitamin C.
- * A change or increase in activities.
- * Being overweight.
- * Age-related shrinkage of the heel fat pad.
- * An injury.
- Bad shoes are those that:
 - * Have poor or no arch support.
 - * Do not have a raised heel.
 - * Are worn-out.
 - * Do not bend at the ball of the foot.
 - * Do not have any cushion and are worn on a hard surface.

The symptoms of plantar fascitis and heel spurs are:

- * Pain in the front and bottom of the heel.
- * Mild or debilitating pain.
- * Lasts few months or a lifetime.
- * Can go away by itself, then return in a few weeks or months.

(To be continued next week...)

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

— Best local news —



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Taste Matters...

"Let's face it. Food is one of life's great and dependable pleasures. If we eat well in the sense of flavor and pleasure, we will also eat well in terms of health."

Each of us has a personal range of foods we enjoy. Our preferences for some foods over others result from a complex interplay among many factors such as genetics, age, early food experiences, ethnic customs, pleasantness of surroundings when trying a new food, and physiological reactions to a food.

One thing is clear: the flavor of foods is a most compelling influence in shaping our food choices. In the Food Marketing Institute's *Trends in the United States* (1998), consumers rank taste as the number-one reason for selecting foods, with nutrition placing second.

According to The American Dietetic Association's 1997 *Nutrition Trends Survey*, consumers are attuned to nutrition messages, but fear that eating a more healthful diet means giving up favorite foods. Nutrition communicators can combat these fears by assuring consumers that healthful and delicious eating go hand in hand.

Taste Tips, Tricks, and Techniques:

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generous sprinkling of ideas for making foods delicious and appealing. Nutrition counselors can maximize the effectiveness of their advice by mixing in these taste-enhancing tips:

- * Plan meals that include a wide palette of colors and shapes for eye-appeal, and a variety of textures and temperatures for tongue-appeal.
- * Perk up food flavors with small amounts of intense-flavored ingredients such as sharp cheese, toasted nuts, or fruity olive oil.

* Try a spoonful of cheese sauce, a shaving of sweet butter, or a drizzle of creamy dressing to add luscious flavor to bitter vegetables and salad greens, and promote absorption of fat-soluble nutrients.

* Enhance the natural flavor of foods with reduced/concentrated stocks, flavored vinegars, zesty condiments, or an extra dash of herbs or spices.

* Stave off taste fatigue. Encourage older adults to alternate between bites of food with different tastes, temperatures, and textures.

* Try shakes made with coffee or chocolate extracts to mask a bitter taste from medications.

* Be adventurous! Expand your tastes to enjoy a variety of foods. Your taste buds will thank you.

Are you a Super Taster?

Try this test to see whether you're a super taster: using a hole punch, punch a hole in the middle of a one-inch square of wax paper. Place the hole on the tip of your tongue.

Swab some blue food coloring on the exposed part of the tongue and, using a magnifying glass and a flashlight, count the number of fungiform papillae (the pinkish circles).

Super tasters will have dozens of papillae; non-tasters will have only five or six.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at 850 Springfield Street, Suite 4; Feeding Hills, MA 01030; (413) 786-2957. Accepting Tufts, Secure Horizons, and Harvard Pilgrim.

PUMPKIN NIGHT

THE RETURN!

OCTOBER 29, 1999

7:00-9:30P.M.

At Agawam High School



It's back by popular demand- Pumpkin night. If you were there last year, you know how fun it was, and if you made the mistake of not coming you have a second chance.

There will be face painting. There will be refreshments. And more Jack-o-Lanterns than necessary. Also the world famous haunted maze will be there.

The cost will be \$3.00 for adult and \$2.00 for students (12 yrs. & under).



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Thursday, October 28th

Friday, October 29th

Saturday, October 30th

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Admission: \$5.00



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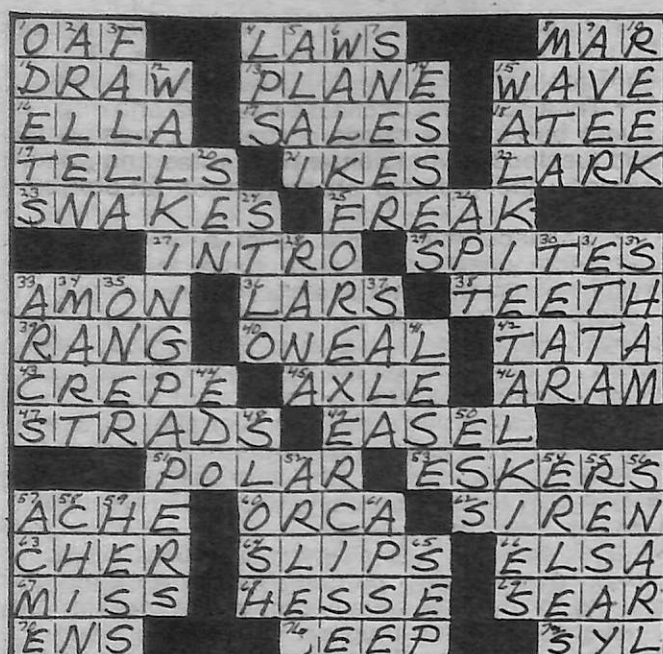
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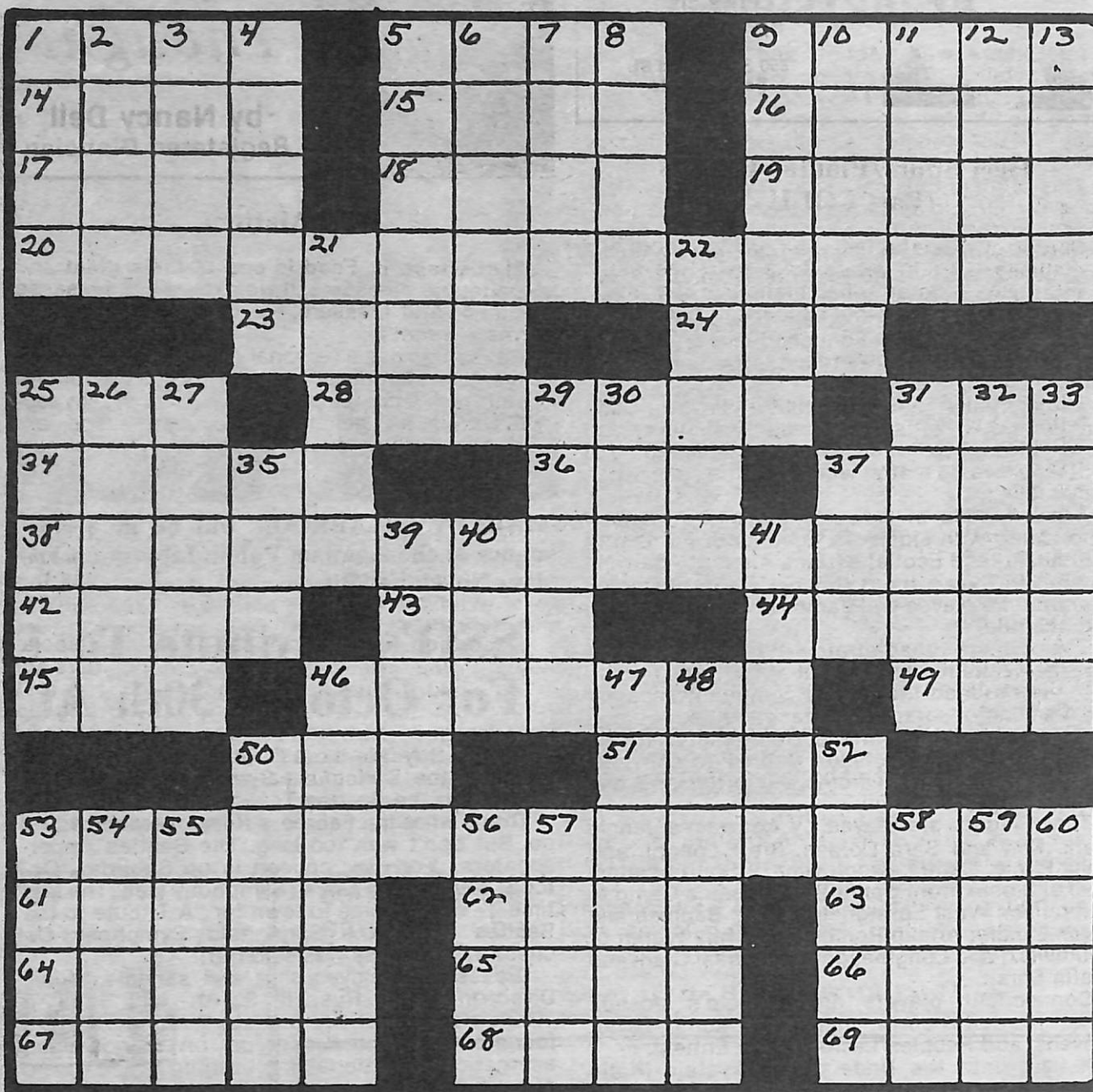
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- 1 Actor Robert in "Jaws"
- 5 Cross over
- 9 Roasting chicken
- 14 - we go again
- 15 Hawaiian goddess of fire
- 16 True up (var.)
- 17 Shield border
- 18 Johnson of "Laugh In"
- 19 Dice finely
- 20 Walter Lantz creation
- 23 Mailed out
- 24 Eel (Fr.)
- 25 Cafe drink
- 28 Guarantees
- 31 Devour
- 34 Worse than Mother Hubbard's cupboard
- 36 Golfer Nagel
- 37 To be in Paree
- 38 They stick together
- 42 Singletons
- 43 "- Kapital"
- 44 Tilts to one side
- 45 Danson of "Cheers"
- 46 Revolts (2 wds.)
- 49 Dundee no
- 50 French coin
- 51 Somme seasons
- 53 Baseball bird
- 61 Staggering
- 62 Coarse file
- 63 Blue-pencil
- 64 Trap
- 65 S.A. monkey
- 66 Man with a valet (slang)
- 67 Wished for
- 68 Celebe's oxen
- 69 Noble Italian family

DOWN

- 1 "...Greatest - On Earth"
- 2 Audie Murphy for one
- 3 Younger Guthrie
- 4 Garden interlopers
- 5 Salmon runs
- 6 Notable Ross and kin
- 7 Choir member
- 8 Require
- 9 Ships of the desert
- 10 Wonderland girl
- 11 Carnation color often
- 12 Fairy tale starter
- 13 -do-well
- 21 Time periods
- 22 English dramatist
- 25 Monastery head
- 26 "Mule Train" singer
- 27 Bobbed the ball
- 29 Czarist's imperial order
- 30 Zebra on the field
- 31 Allen of Vermont
- 32 MSG or the Omni
- 33 Clipped in speech
- 35 Asner and Sullivan
- 37 French season
- 39 Hatred
- 40 Scale notes
- 41 Musical Herb
- 46 Muddled the water
- 47 Handles (as a problem)
- 48 "Hunkydory" place
- 50 Cubic meter
- 52 Lay - to
- 53 Big party
- 54 Cartoonist Peter
- 55 Jump
- 56 Italian Alps lake
- 57 Precipitation
- 58 Poems
- 59 Vest despoiler
- 60 Major follower

Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



At Storowton Village...

Old-Fashioned Fun At "Haunted Old New England"

Get ready for a frightfully fun evening! Storowton Village Museum welcomes all those who dare to enjoy "Haunted Old New England," beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16th, in the Village's Red Barn, located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

It will be a bewitchingly good time for the entire family when professional storyteller Jennifer Blum of Concord, MA, spins a web of spooky stories straight from 18th- and 19th-century New England. The program will be presented by candlelight in the Village's Red Barn.

Come hear the Halloween-spirited stories of years past in Storowton's unique setting. Admission to "Haunted Old New England" is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children ages six to 12. Children under six will be admitted free of charge.

Space is limited, so be sure to make reservations by contacting Storowton Village Museum at (413) 787-0136.

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REHEARSING A SCENE from "Night Watch" are cast members Paul Phipps, Eric Johnson, Bob Lawson, Jeanne Gourley, Laura Lezon, and Roxanne Labato Holyoke (seated). This suspense thriller, which is being staged by the Western Mass. Great Pretenders, will be performed at the Longmeadow Community House on October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th, and 30th.

Western Mass. Great Pretenders Are Set To Stage "Night Watch" In Longmeadow

Everyone should see the suspense thriller on the stage at the Longmeadow Community House. "Night Watch," by Lucille Fletcher (author of "Sorry, Wrong Number"), will be presented by the Western Mass. Great Pretenders on October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th, and 30th. You will be on the edge of your seat as the excellent cast of eight, directed by Bob Laviolette, brings you to the sur-

prise ending.

Curtain time is always 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$12 (general admission) or \$10 (seniors and students). There are special rates for groups of 15 or more.

You may purchase tickets at the Longmeadow Parks and Recreation Department, or by calling 739-2111.

A Comical & Original Musical...

STAGE Children's Theatre To Present "Frankenstein"

First there was "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein." Then there was Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein." Now comes another take-off on the Shelley classic horror story - "Frankenstein - The Monsterical," to be presented by STAGE Children's Theatre.

This original musical by co-director Lyle Pearsons of Suffield is loosely based on the novel "Frankenstein," but is filled with all the humor and wholesome family entertainment that The Red Door Theatre is noted for producing.

The theme of overcoming prejudice and accepting the differences of others flows throughout this story of a creature shunned and rejected by the people who are quick to judge on hearsay and rumor.

Through such musical numbers as "You Can't Judge A Book By Its Cover" and "Monsters Need To Be Loved, Too," they learn the true meaning of brotherly love no matter who, or in this case, what, they are.

Frankie Roda of Agawam plays the monster who, along with sidekicks Egad (Jodi Putnam of Southwick) and Ecollette (Dana Allen of Agawam) attempt to thwart the diabolical plans of Doctor Frankenstein, played by Pearsons, who is stepping into the role.

The village magistrate (Ryan Stelzer of Westfield) and his sergeant-at-arms (Katie Forbes of Agawam) lead the motley community against the mad doctor's fiancée, Elizabeth (Kasey Lareau of Chicopee) and best friend, Henry Clerval (Ricky Avonti of West Springfield), who try to convince the townsfolk to turn from their bitter and prejudiced ways.

The villagers are played by Agawam's Jennie Clark, Kim and Sara Dorans, Brett Longhi, and Kaila Pirnie; Katie Lewantowicz of Southampton; Rachel Slosek from Springfield; Jessica Camp of Wilbraham; West Springfield's Greg Bannish and Sarah Landry; Arielle Rollins and Emily Wundt of Southwick; and Longmeadow's Michael Clark and Justin Shrair.

Connecticut players are Suffield's Joshua Hirst, Meredith Lowe, Jaime Pearsons, Taylor Stevens, and Pebbles Lacross from Enfield.

It isn't until the Bride of Frankenstein (Katie Forbes in a dual role) and the monster show the town that "there's a lot that's good in all of us, if we only took time to view," that the community comes together in a musical number of acceptance and acknowledgement that they "saw the thorn, but not the rose."

The Red Door Theatre will premiere "Frankenstein" November 5th and 6th at 7:30 p.m. and November 6th and 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and may be reserved by calling (413) 789-2026. The newly-renovated theatre is located at 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA at the end of Rt. 57 (next to the Valley Community Church).

Because we are in the midst of a political season, we encourage everyone to bring in press releases, "letters to the editor," and ads by the end of the day on Mondays. Thank you ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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MARCIA ESTABROOK will be in performance at the Agawam Public Library on Friday, November 5th.

One-Woman Show Coming To Agawam Public Library

On Friday, November 5th, the Agawam Cultural Council will present Marcia Estabrook at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam at 7:30 p.m.

This is a fascinating portrayal of the experiences of a runaway slave who finally won freedom in Boston in 1848. Marcia Estabrook plays the part of Ellen Craft, a light-skinned Georgia slave who disguises as a white, male plantation owner and travels north to freedom with her husband, who poses as her slave.

Marcia captivates our attention with the danger, intrigue, close shaves, humor, and surprises, and it is not on the Underground Railway, but on the real railroad.

Marcia Estabrook's realistic portrayal of Ellen Craft is part of her "Characters Educational Theater" performances. She also portrays Clara Barton and has appeared at the John F. Kennedy Library, Deerfield Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, and the USS Constitution Museum. She designed a training program in historical role-playing for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

This entertaining program is being sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

SSO's "Tribute To The Beatles" Scheduled For October 30th At Spfld. Symphony Hall

"Can't Buy Me Love?" Then purchase your ticket to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra's "Tribute to the Beatles!"

That's what the Fab Four from Liverpool would do. But don't wait too long. The Beatles' impersonators, *Yesterday*, concert is on Saturday, October 30th at 8:00 p.m. in Symphony Hall. The last time *Yesterday* came to town for "A Tribute to the Beatles" with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, the house was sold out!

Dressed in tie-dyed shirt and sandals, Music Director Mark Russell Smith will lead a 1960's-clad symphony orchestra along with the four-member *Yesterday* group on a nostalgic, energetic, and entertaining evening of the music of peace and love.

Yesterday has received wide acclaim for their performances in authentic suits, their mop hair, Beatles boots, and comic stage presence. The first part of the concert will take you on a tour of Beatles' classics from 1964 to 1966. The second set showcases the Sgt. Pepper and Magical Mystery Tour years.

You won't have to start a "Revolution," but you will be able to "Twist and Shout." Undoubtedly one of the most impactful imports from the British

Isles, the Beatles reshaped, even created, a new genre of rock music.

Come see and hear the amazing visual and music likeness of the Beatles, backed up by none other than the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. Let's all "Come Together" dressed in beads, tie-dyed clothes, flowers, and whatever else is left in the back of the closet from those heady days of the '60s. Period dress is not required, but encouraged.

"Be an Ear Witness" to a fun and nostalgic concert Saturday, October 30th at 8:00 p.m. in Springfield's Symphony Hall. The concert is sponsored by Fathers & Sons and media sponsors the Valley Advocate and WWLP-TV 22! The Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Business Friends of the Arts have provided additional support.

Tickets are available from the Springfield Symphony box office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) by calling 413-733-2291.

Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$37 and are half-price for youths four through 17. A 25 percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation...

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Education

Informational Meeting Held To Discuss Sixth-Graders' Spring Trip

On October 12th, an informational meeting was held at the Agawam Middle School in regards to the fourth annual New York/Washington, DC/Philadelphia trip that is planned for the April school vacation.

The trip begins on Sunday, April 16, 2000 with our first day spent at the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Science Center. On Monday, we continue by coach to Washington, DC, where we will spend that afternoon and the next two days exploring museums, visiting memorials, meeting elected officials, seeing the original Declaration of Independence, and even watching money being made!

In the evening, we plan to have a DJ/pizza party, go to a student dinner theater, a comedy show (geared for the students), the Hard Rock Cafe, and Planet Hollywood. As we start our journey home on Thursday, April 20th, we will stop in Philadelphia for a stop at the U.S. Mint, lunch, and a walking tour of the historic district.

This trip is open to sixth-grade students who attend Agawam Middle School, however, it is not a school trip. The cost for the trip will be approximately \$400. (The price will be finalized when the number attending is finalized.) The cost includes transportation, lodging, all meals, and admission fees. The chaperone-to-student ratio will be 1:4 with a few "floating" chaperones.

Fundraising (candy bar sales) will start in early November. Deposits of \$50 per person are now being accepted. Monthly payments of \$100 (minus candy money credits) would need to be sent in November, December, and January, with a final payment in February.

Checks should be made out to the *Washington Trip Account* and sent in care of Rachel Thomas, 43 Janelle Dr., Agawam, MA 01001-2735. If you have any questions about the trip, please call Rachel in the evening at 786-98d96. Please watch for further notices and information from your student and in *The Agawam Advertiser-News*.

From State Rep. Keenan... Regional Student Progra. Can Lower Cost Of Tuition

Representative Dan Keenan is pleased to announce that college-bound students applying for the fall 2000 semester, who find that their intended area of study is not offered by any Massachusetts public college or university, may benefit from the New England Board of Higher Education's Regional Student Program (RSP).

The RSP provides a tuition break to Massachusetts residents enrolled in certain degree programs at public campuses in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont if the programs are not offered by Massachusetts' public institutions. At some public campuses, RSP students pay half the tuition they would ordinarily pay as "out-of-state" students.

All of New England's 78 public two-year and four-year colleges and universities participate in the RSP program, offering more than 700 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs at reduced out-of-state tuition.

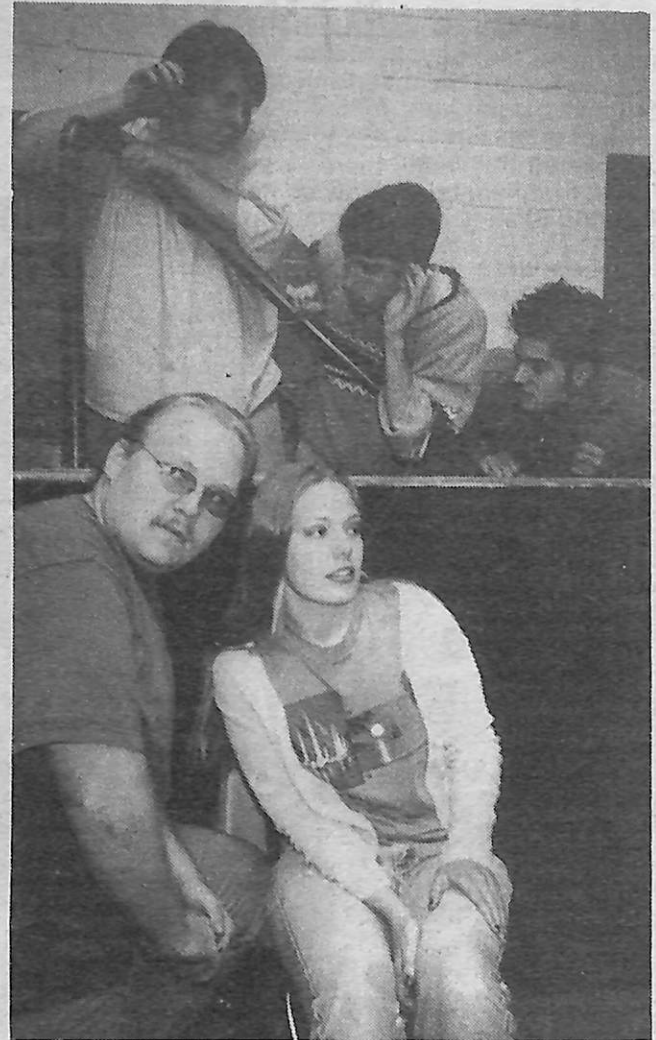
The New England Board of Higher Education's 2000-01 *Apple Book*, the annual RSP catalog, explains eligibility and lists programs available in the academic year 2000-01. The *Apple Book* is available throughout New England at high school guidance offices and libraries, city and town libraries, and at public college admissions offices.

An on-line version of the catalog is available at www.nebhe.org. For more information, contact the Office of the Regional Student Program, New England Board of Higher Education, 45 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111; 617-357-9620.

All the hometown news with us...

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Coming To AHS...



THE MINSTREL (Chris de Jongh), THE JESTER (Mike Kirk), and THE KING (Phil Bonk) try to listen in to the plans the Queen (Laurie Chmielewski) is making with the Wizard (Arthur Von Marshall) to test the Princess to see if she is a "real" princess in Agawam High School's presentation of "Once Upon A Mattress," running November 19th and 20th at 7:30 p.m., and November 21st at 2:00 p.m. For ticket reservations, call the High School office at 821-0530.

Agawam Little League



Open Meeting

October 25th

V.F.W. Hall
194 South Street
Time: 7:30 P.M.

Your attendance is needed!

We will review the 1999 season, elect a new executive board and solicit your comments.

We need new board members and volunteers to help run the league.

All parents who attend will receive a \$5.00 rebate per child on their sign-up fee for the year 2000 season.

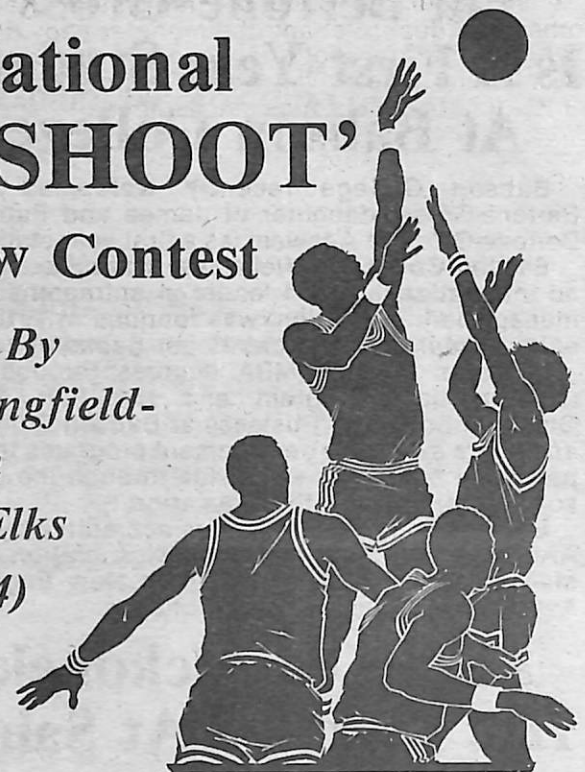
We hope to see you there.

If there are any questions, please call Rob Danie at 789-4823.

Elks National 'HOOP SHOOT'

Free Throw Contest

Presented By
The West Springfield-
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(No. 2174)



Date: October 23rd

Location: West Springfield Boys & Girls Club, Main Street, West Springfield, MA

Time: Any Time Between The Hours Of 10:00 A.M. To 2:00 P.M.

Ages: 8 To 13 (Boys & Girls)

* Age is determined by the age of the contestant as of 4/1/2000. Birth or Baptismal Certificate required as proof of age.

No Registration Fees, Free Of Charge

First-, second-, and third-place finishes, with trophies to be awarded to both girls and boys in each age group.

The first-place winners in each age group are eligible to advance to the District Shoot at a date to be determined.

**For more information, contact
John Davis, Chairman, at 746-8318.**

News From The Junior High PTO

The Agawam Junior High PTO held its first meeting on Monday, September 27th.

We kicked off the magazine drive on September 23rd and it went very well. The kids sold \$35,000 worth of magazines. Many thanks to Leslie Young for chairing this event.

New School Council members were recognized. Congratulations to Carol Patrick and Angela Phillips.

Bylaws were read and accepted. Teacher requests were honored.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 25th. All parents are welcome to attend.

On Thursday, October 28th, the Junior High will hold a costume contest. All students are invited to dress in appropriate costumes for school and donate two canned goods for the Open Pantry.

Reminder: there will be no school on Friday, October 29th. This is an In-Service Day for teachers.

Again, thanks to all who helped in the magazine drive, and to all our students for working so hard to make this such a success.

Kara J. Tierney Is A Freshman At Bryant College

Kara J. Tierney, a freshman Applied Actuarial Mathematics major, of Feeding Hills is attending Bryant College for the 1999-00 academic year. She is a member of the Class of 2003.

Bryant College, located 12 miles outside of Providence in Smithfield, Rhode Island, is recognized as one of the leading business colleges in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Barron's*.

Bryant enrolls more than 3,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, more than 10,000 business people representing 1,800 firms annually take advantage of continuing education programs and corporate outreach efforts.

The college is among 12 percent of business colleges nationwide that are accredited by the AACSB - The International Association for Management Education.

Pia Bertone-Gross Is A First-Year Student At Babson College

Babson College recently welcomed Pia Bertone-Gross, daughter of James and Patricia Bertone-Gross of Agawam, as a first-year student.

Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., recognized internationally as a leader in entrepreneurial management education, was founded in 1919 by entrepreneur and financier Roger Babson.

It grants BS and MBA degrees through its undergraduate program and the F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College, and offers executive development programs to experienced managers worldwide through the Babson School of Executive Education.

Babson degree programs are accredited by the AACSB - the International Association for Management Education, and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Alison C. Jackobek Has Enrolled At Saint Anselm College

Alison C. Jackobek, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carl J. Jackobek of Agawam, has enrolled as a member of the Class of 2003 at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire.

A 1999 graduate of Agawam High School, she played soccer and was an All Western Mass. pick in softball.

Spfld. Christian School Celebrates Its 20th

Springfield Christian School, 627 State St., just celebrated an anniversary of 20 years. Mr. Tom Schnepf of Agawam is the school's principal.

S.C.S. has 158 students enrolled from kindergarten through 12th grade this year. There are 29 students attending from Agawam and Feeding Hills.

The school is still in the process of accepting applications.

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Noted Phys. Ed. Students At The Junior High



CHRISSIE METCALF AND MATT REED were recently recognized as the eighth-grade "Physical Education Students of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"Tomasina" The Good Witch To Perform At The Agawam Library

Preschoolers and their families are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, October 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. for a storytime with Tomasina the friendly "witch," as portrayed by storyteller Monica Bleasius.

Her non-scary stories and imaginative activities make perfect Halloween entertainment for preschool children, but the whole family is invited to join the fun.

Call 789-1550 to register for the program.

Pack 77 Schedules Bottle Drive For Sat., October 23rd

Pack 77 will be holding its fall bottle drive on Saturday, October 23rd, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the St. John's parking lot.

The Cub Scouts will be asking their neighbors to save their redeemable bottles and cans for the next couple of weeks. You may stop by St. John's parking lot on the 23rd to drop off your bottles and cans, or call Cathy (786-5103) to arrange for a pick-up.

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Weekly Bulletin From AHS's Guidance Dept.

College Representatives: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

October 26th: Thomas College, 8:30 a.m.

October 27th: University of Massachusetts, 8:00 a.m.

October 28th: State Univ. of New York at Albany, 10:00 a.m.

November 2nd: Merrimack College, 8:00 a.m.

November 3rd: Montserrat College of Art, 8:15 a.m.

November 4th: Becker College, 8:15 a.m.; New Hampshire College, 9:00 a.m.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Educational Communications Scholarship: Open to U.S. citizens who wish to compete for a \$1,000 merit scholarship. Deadline: May 31, 2000.

Mass. Promise Mini-Grants: Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to students who have ideas for a project that engages young volunteers to serve kids. Deadline: November 1, 1999.

National Alliance for Scholastic Achievement Scholarships: Open to high school seniors from across the nation who excel with a GPA of 2.75 or better. Deadline: March 6, 2000.

The following colleges are offering merit scholarships to students who plan to enroll there: Seton Hall University, Allentown College, University of New Haven Bayer Scholarships (open to qualified students who plan to major in a science area), Oswego State University, Acadia University, University of Richmond.

Open Houses: See your counselor for more information.

Suffolk University, November 13th; **Springfield College,** November 14th; **Wheelock College,** November 13th; **University of New Haven,** Sunday, November 21st; **Western New England College,** Saturday, November 13th; **Clark University,** Saturday, November 13th; **American International College,** October 31st.

Career Day in Architecture: The Boston Society of Architects is sponsoring an Open House where students can meet with representatives from many architecture schools from across the country. Admission is free. This event will be held at Gund Hall, Harvard University, Saturday, October 23rd from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 25th: Cheese-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens, ranch dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, October 26th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, honey, shoestring fries with catsup, dinner roll, parsley, carrots, fruit medley, milk.

Wednesday, October 27th: Rotini with meatsauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday, October 28th: Hamburg in roll, slice of cheese, steamed rice Pilaf, mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Friday, October 29th: In-Service Day (no lunches served).

For Agawam Public Schools...

Professional Development Day On Fri., Oct. 29th

On Friday, October 29th, the Agawam Public School will conduct a full day of professional development for all PreK-12 staff.

Consequently, schools will not be in session on that day, since teachers will spend the entire day attending various workshops and training sessions.

Students will return to school on Monday, November 1st.

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Sports

Schoolboy Football...

Brownies Lose A Close One, 13-10, To Holyoke High

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

How do you bake a perfect football cake? Take two teams of equal ability; a dash of derring-do; a dollop of drama; a smidgen of suspense; a heap- ing helping of hard hits; mix it all together in a stadium on a beautiful evening in the fall and serve it up to a big crowd of gridiron gourmets.

That was the recipe which bubbled and boiled for four quarters last Friday evening up at Harmon Smith Field as Holyoke High came to town and left with a tasty, last second, 13-10 victory over the Brownies. You could say the faithful certainly got the cake, but not the frosting that is supposed to go with it in this AA Conference battle.

Agawam came in at 3-1 and 2-0 in the AA. Holyoke, with a game in hand, was 2-1 with a 1-0 AA slate. The visitors came out after receiving the opening kickoff on their own 33 and moved the ball on three plays to the Agawam 19. But the Brownies got an early break on a Tony Liquori fumble recovery on the Knights' third play from scrimmage.

It was time for the Agawam offense, led by senior quarterback Brian St. Jean, to strut their stuff. From their own 19, they went on a 12-play drive that saw a fourth and four pass play at the Holyoke 34 tipped incomplete. The Knights could get little going on their next possession, due in part to some heads-up Agawam defense led all night by linebacker Nick Beaudette and by Victor Romano and Liquori.

Agawam had an opportunity, though. On third and 11 from their 17, St. Jean dropped and spotted Dave Moore (out of the backfield and three steps ahead of his defender) streaking down the right sideline. The pass was just off the senior tailback's fingers. Agawam punted, but a Holyoke penalty on the kick got AHS the ball back on its 32 with 1:06 left in the first quarter.

Agawam, running basic power plays out of the "I" formation, kept it on the ground, with Moore, who would end up lugging the leather 34 times for 157 yards, doing the bulk of the work. The Brownies were sitting on the ball at the Holyoke 42 when the first 12 minutes ended.

However, after an eight-yard sweep to the left by St. Jean on a first and 10, two incomplete passes forced the Brownies to punt it away.

The Knights, who didn't really have the ball for much of the first 12½ minutes, gave it a good look this time from their own 24. They drove 76 yards in 13 plays, closing out the march with a seven-yard TD pass from quarterback Brian Griffin to Luis Ramirez with 6:12 left in the half.

Frustrating For The Brownies

The frustrating thing for the Brownies, however, was the fact that the whole drive might have been stopped on the first play from scrimmage. Dave Moore, playing his tough man defense, appeared to have an interception at the Holyoke 34 on a 10-yard look in. But they ruled pass interference instead and the Knights remained in business.

Agawam got the ball back with six minutes left in the half. Again, they elected to carry the mail over land from their 31-yard line, with Moore doing the delivering. He was getting some head-knocking help from the offensive line of center John Archambault, guard Frank Ferrentino, and tackles Isidro Aguinaga and Brian Pederson.

They drove all the way to the Purple Knights' 16-yard line. Coach Tad Desautels called a timeout on fourth and one. It looked like he'd settled on a field goal. It was a fake, with holder Moore playing the faker's role. Holyoke wasn't fooled and nailed him for a three-yard loss.

The clock showed 2:24 left in the half. Agawam's defense, led by Beaudette, Dennis Lip-tak, and a host of others, flat out stopped Holyoke on three plays for a total of three yards and it looked as though the Knights had a notion to punt. It turned out that there was no notion after all.

Instead, Griffin took the snap and bolted up the right sideline, catching the pumped-up Brownie defense in a full rush. Griffin's jaunt ended 46 yards later when he was hammered out of bounds on a saving tackle by Chris Tedone.

Now, the Knights, within sniffing distance of the Agawam end zone, decided to air it out. The first pass, over the middle, was almost picked by St. Jean. They put it up again on the next play and

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ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, at Harmon Smith Field, it was "Senior Night" for the Agawam High girls' varsity soccer team, as the veteran members of the team were recognized by their fellow athletes. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Brownie Girls Inch Closer To Tournament Berth...

AHS Defeats Hapless Chicopee Comp, 1-0, In Varsity Soccer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Talk about incentives. The Agawam High girls' soccer team had a bunch of them Tuesday evening in their game against Chicopee Comp at chilly Harmon Smith Field.

First, it was senior night. Then there was the fact that the Brownies knew they were still alive in the race for a playoff berth (providing they ran the table in their final four games, starting with Comp).

Also, after taking the 1-0 lead in the first half, they had to suck it up and play over 32 minutes of the second half a player short because of a rare red card. Fortunately, the home team managed to prevail by that 1-0 margin.

Now, no one will ever confuse Comp with Ludlow. The Colts came into this one at 0-11-1. But as well all know, even a toothless alligator could gum you to death. So, Agawam had to take care.

Things started out in the midfield and stayed that way for several minutes before the Brownies kicked things into gear and roared en masse into the Colts' zone.

Since it was senior night, all the seniors started in this one except captain Gina Loudfoot, who graciously chose to sit out early because there were 12 seniors and only 11 players can be on the field. (There was a bit of irony in her decision, as we will discover later.)

Early on, striker Marie Buendo, who would hustle all game long, had two opportunities. With just under three minutes gone, the senior had a shot off a loose ball low in the box, but waited too long to pull the trigger. A minute later, she blasted one from the right wing, which was dead on, but Comp keeper Jeanne Ruell made a good stop. Actually, save for a brief sojourn to the bench because of an injury, Ruell's work in the net probably prevented Agawam from running away with this one.

Ten minutes were off the clock when midfielder Amanda Tilden took a pass down the middle and launched, only to be robbed by Ruell.

Locals Score

Agawam's goal came off a center rush with 14:10 gone. Loudfoot was battling for the ball in front of the Colts' net, but was getting no satisfaction because the Comp defenders had her surrounded. The ball squirted 35 feet out where Tilden had set up shop. The senior's shot looked like a sand wedge as it sailed lazily towards the goal and over the outstretched arms of Ruell at the 26:55 mark.

It was Tilden's sixth score of the year. No assist was awarded, but Loudfoot should have gotten credit for one.

That 1-0 lead would stand up for the duration. But the Brownies, judging by their play, clearly wanted to score some more. Striker/fullback Amanda Merola, stopper Katie Shannon, midfielder Amy Jensen, and Loudfoot helped keep the ball in the Colts' zone. And on the rare occasion when Comp managed to cross midfield, the defensive play of midfielder Dianna DiStefano and sweeper Sheri Benton sent them packing.

Agawam had a sure score with 18:21 left. Defender Courtney Adamczyk took a pass in the left crease (5 feet out) and had the whole left side of the goal gaping at her. But the shot had no mustard on it and died just before the goal line.

Tilden ran down a lead pass 50 feet out in the Comp box with 10:25 left. The ball had score written all over it. Ruell realized that as well and raced out of her net to grab it. She went down and Tilden ran into and over her. Ruell left with an injury and Agawam went back on the attack for the balance of the half, but could only manage its 1-0 lead when the horn waited to end the first 40.

The Brownies had 10 first-half shots on goal as opposed to one for the visitors.

Agawam On The Attack

Agawam started the second 40 on the attack. A Tilden blast with 1:35 gone from 50 feet out hit the Colts' crossbar. Striker/midfielder Jill Gendron launched a drive from the right wing a minute later which Ruell (back in) saved.

With 7:48 gone, Loudfoot (all hustle, all the time) had a ball 20 feet in front of her midway down in the Colts' box. She'd raced her way by the defense and had breakaway on her mind. Ruell, much like she'd done against Tilden in the first half, came out to corral the ball. She got there just as Loudfoot arrived. Unlike the first-half situation where Tilden nailed her, Loudfoot barely touched the Colts' keeper. The result - a yellow card for the Brownie forward.

As she was heading for the bench, the official who gave her the yellow suddenly ripped a red card from his pocket. Why? No one but the official knows. But Loudfoot was out for the game as well as two of the team's final three contests. And Agawam, from that point on, had to operate with nine field players rather than the usual 10.

"Yeah, that puts a lot of pressure on you when you're down a player. But our defense rose to the occasion," goalie Laura Bucalo, who made some big second-half saves, noted.

With 11 minutes to play, Tilden got a yellow card! Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney, who carefully charts such things, could hardly believe

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this one was intercepted by Moore (his third of the year) at the Agawam 22. However, the Brownies, with 57 seconds left, could get nothing going and the half ended 7-0, Purple Knights.

Agawam, which had been bested in total first-half yards 173-140, would receive the second-half kickoff. A nice 21-yard return by Scott Harlin saw the Brownies go to work on their own 36-yard line. No doubt they'd taken a look at their first-half passing stats - 3-10, 29 yards and decided to let their feet do the talking.

"Yeah, they were pretty fast in the secondary, so we decided at halftime to jam it down their throats," St. Jean said. (They out-rushed Holyoke 230-39 in the second 24 minutes.) Behind some tough running by Moore (four carries, 23 yards, including a 16-yard effort) Agawam faced a fourth and four at the Holyoke 34. The brain trust decided to go for it. St. Jean's pass to Harlin was defended nicely by the Knights' Nick Glass, giving the visitors the ball on downs.

Agawam Defense Allows Zip In Yardage

The Agawam defense, this time led by Jerry Graves and Moore, allowed the visitors zip in the yardage department, forcing them to punt on fourth and 10. They had already been snookered by one fake punt and the faker (Griffin) was back there again, ready for the snap. As quick as you could say, "There he goes," Griffin was off around left end. Harlin, not fooled, was waiting and belted him out of bounds at the Holyoke 41-yard line.

In what almost appeared to be an instant replay of their previous possession, Agawam started out running all the way to the Holyoke seven-yard line, behind timely blocking courtesy of Archambault, Ryan Malanson, and Ferrentino. Then, they decided a pass was again in order. It was intended for Ian Hogan, but fell dead due to some good coverage and the opportunity was missed.

The Knights, looking at the end zone 93 yards away, decided the quickest way there was to mix things up. But the Brownie defense, by virtue of some good run defense by Beaudette, Romano, St. Jean, and Curtis Miarecki, plus pressure on the passer courtesy of Lou Conte and Beaudette, would have none of it.

The result - Holyoke was stuck in a fourth and 12 quagmire at its own 48 after a failed flea flicker from running back Alex Robles to Joel Pollard didn't fool St. Jean.

This time, they did punt and Moore gave the Brownies field position at their own 26. After six up the middle by Moore and seven the same way from Liquori, Agawam had a first and 10 on its 39-yard line.

So far, St. Jean, other than a 14-yard tour in the first half, had been relatively quiet in his efforts out of the option. That changed on the next snap. The shifty senior darted right and sized up the situation. No doubt, Holyoke had practiced stopping him during the week.

But St. Jean would not be denied. He cut toward the line and helped by a good drop block from (tight end) Conte, found a path upfield. St. Jean had to wind his way towards the Promised Land and was almost tripped up at the Knights' 15 on a shoestring effort by Pollard. But he gained his balance and scored on the 61-yard run.

It was a belly option. "I could have handed it off to Tony (Liquori), but there was a seam in front of me and I managed to get through it," St. Jean explained. His extra point tied it up at 7-7 with no time left in the third quarter.

Another Opportunity For The Brownies

The Brownies had another opportunity handed to them on the first play from scrimmage after the kickoff. The Knights had prime field position at the 50. But they coughed up the ball and Beaudette pounced on it at the Holyoke 44. The offense brought it all the way to Holyoke's 20, where they ended up looking at a fourth and nine

situation. The field goal team checked in. But an offside penalty against the Brownies pushed them back to the 25. And the field goal team promptly checked out. They decided to go for it and the Knights' defenders nailed St. Jean for a one-yard loss. Another lost opportunity.

Beaudette, Miarecki, Graves, and a blocked pass on third and seven by Ferrentino forced the Knights to punt on their possession and the Brownies were back in business at their 21. The locals had deep-sixed the passing game since the ball had turned into a not-so-smart bomb and gave it to the ground troops. In a tour de force of smash-mouth football from the offensive line, Moore (28 yards), St. Jean (25 yards), and Liquori (15 yards) found the holes and set things up with a fourth and four at the Knights' 18-yard line. This time they went with a field goal, which St. Jean nailed from 35 yards out and 1:20 left in the game.

The Brownies ran into a major problem on the kickoff when Cortnei Langhorne returned St. Jean's boot back 44 yards to the Agawam 36-yard line. And the beads of shiny sweat that suddenly popped out on the faces of the faithful were not from any kind of heat on this chilly night, Holyoke, helped by a huge pass interference call and a Brownies' offside, were looking at a third and three at the AHS 15-yard line with 37 seconds left.

A loss of a yard on a good gut-check tackle by Romano had Holyoke contemplating a fourth and four with 30 seconds to go. The Knights might have been able to tie things up with a field goal, but decided to go for it instead.

Even the bats doing barrel rolls around the lights high over Harmon Smith knew this was likely the play of the game, as the fans were screaming en masse in a display not seen here in many moons.

Holyoke called for a pass and Griffin delivered over the middle to Victor Delvalle. St. Jean, draped over the receiver's shoulders like Superman's cape, brought him down at the Brownie three-yard line first and goal.

After a one-yard run by Robles, the Knights, in the catbird seat, were facing a third and goal from the two with 13 ticks up in lights. Griffin called his own number, rolled right, and really had the Agawam defense twice burnt.

He was looking at a clear path to the end zone or he could have flipped the ball to Dave Rigalli, who was running alone, five yards deep and 15 yards away in the zone and no Brownie was within 10 yards of him. Griffin chose six for himself and it was 13-10, Holyoke, with seven seconds left.

Holyoke blew the extra point attempt and after a scramble which saw St. Jean grab the ball and try to run it upfield, the kick came from the 50. St. Jean took it at the 15 and ran it to the Agawam 25. The Brownies had one more try with two seconds left. St. Jean had to pass, but ended up in a bear hug at the five. And it was over.

Agawam went to 3-2 and 2-1 in the AA. Holyoke rose to 3-1 and 2-0. At this writing, the Brownies find themselves occupying the second spot in the conference, behind Cathedral and Holyoke, which are tied at the top at 2-0. This Friday night, Agawam travels to South Hadley for a 7:00 p.m., non-conference contest against the Tigers (2-3, 1-2 in the Suburban League).

AGAWAM STATS: RUSHING - Moore (34-157); St. Jean (10-128); Liquori (12-56).

PASSING: St. Jean (3-29, 2 sacks, 32 yards).

RECEIVING: Harlin (2-23), Conte (1-6).

FIELD GOAL: St. Jean (35 yards).

DEFENSE: Interception - Moore (1); Fumble Rec. - Liquori (1); Beaudette (1).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Kickoffs - St. Jean (45, 29, 40); Punts - St. Jean (33); Kickoff Returns - Locke (1-16); Harlin (1-21); St. Jean (1-10). Punt Returns - Moore (6, 0).

TOTAL YARDS: Agawam, 370 (341 Rushing, 29 Passing). Holyoke, 246 (131 Rushing, 115 Passing).

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"Write to me at daverollinssports@yahoo.com," encourages AAN Sports Editor Dave Rollins. "The High School fall sports season is starting in Western Mass., as well as in New England and around the country. Let's talk about the blue chippers in our part of Massachusetts — how do you think they're going to do?"

"And, as the season progresses, we'll talk about their performances and possible possibilities for further glory in col-

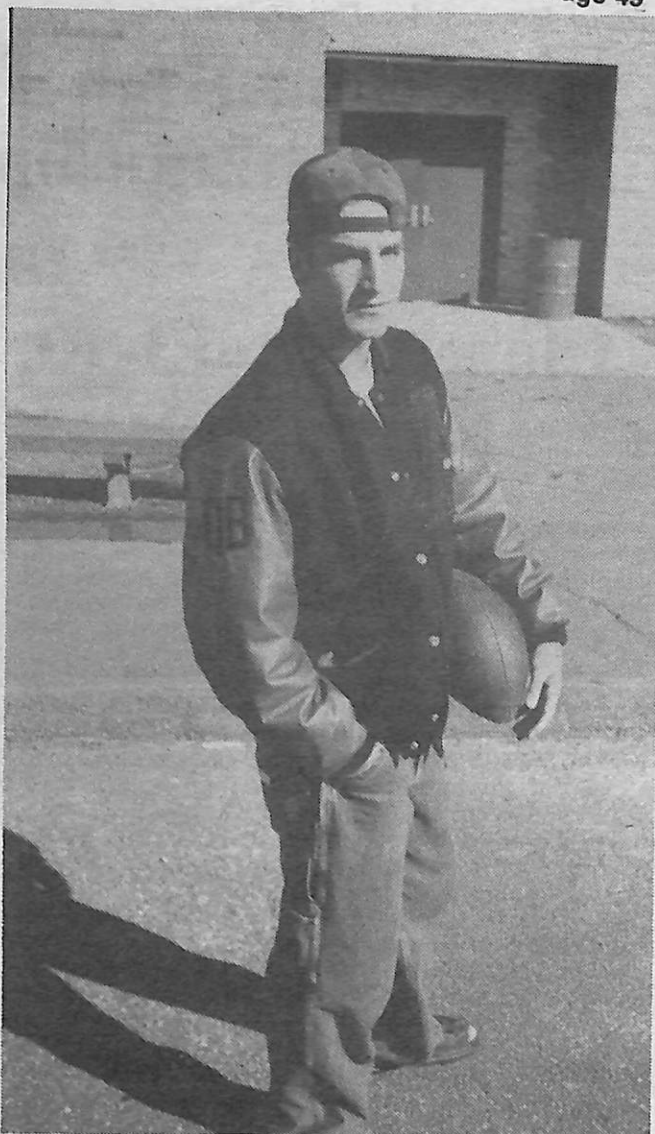
lege. Maybe we can get some scouts interested in them.

"Because, as we've all noticed, most of the kids seem to be from Florida, Texas, other southern states, the midwest, and out west. There have to be some outstanding ones right here in our back yard worthy of recognition on a national scale.

"Please feel free to submit precise and updated statistics whenever you can, because I'll have mine and we can compare notes," concluded Rollins.

At presstime, the Brownies have three more games, all on the road, against Westfield, Minnechaug, and East Longmeadow. They must win all three to qualify for Western Mass.

BROWNIE NOTES: Agawam was coming off a 5-2 win against Holyoke, their highest goal production of the season. (Merola, Benton, Jen Lyman, Gendron, and Buendo scored in that one.)



BRIAN ST. JEAN

Brian St. Jean Leads The Way For AHS Football

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

At the mid-point of the 1998 season, the Agawam High School football team was struggling along with a 2-3 record and a 1-2 slate in the AA Conference.

Currently, the Brownies enjoy a reversal of fortunes to a degree - 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the AA rankings, good for second place.

One reason for this about-face is the installation of a new offense (and someone to run it) by new Coach Tad Desautels. The offense is the option. The guy at the controls is senior quarterback Brian St. Jean. For the get-go, Desautels says that St. Jean had the credentials to make it all work.

The kid has not disappointed anyone so far. He has been a terror on the ground, averaging 10 yards per carry (571 yards on 57 attempts). While other kids in Western Mass might have more yards than he, not many have been as productive in the long distance department when they lug the leather.

Witness the fact that among his eight touchdowns in five games, six of them have come on runs of 89, 54, 45, 66, 46, and 61 yards.

The option means just what it implies - run or pass. St. Jean has thrown 64 passes, completed 27 (42 percent) for 498 yards (18 yards per completion) and three touchdowns (along with two interceptions). Those kind of numbers, on the ground and in the air, definitely keeps a defense guessing.

St. Jean has a 35-yard field goal to his credit (against Holyoke last Friday night). He laughed about that one because in practice, he routinely boots them from beyond 40 yards. "In our warm-ups before the Holyoke game, I hit one from 53 yards," he smiled.

Desautels calls St. Jean a leader and named him as one of the team's captains (along with Victor Romano, Jon Archambault, and Dennis Liptak).

St. Jean also shines on defense where he is the free safety in their 4-6 set. They play man-to-man almost exclusively, which puts lots of pressure on the free safety slot. "Brian has the athletic ability to handle the job," Desautels noted.

"Brian has an interception as well. He has also broken up his share of passes and hits hard enough to let you know he's there," added the coach.

Last year St. Jean was second team All-Western Mass. on defense. If he continues at this rate over the next five games, it's a good bet he just might be with the All-Western Mass. first team offensive stars when the ballots are counted.

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it. "That's something. They've gone through almost an entire season with no cards at all. Now they get three," she said.

Despite the officials, the girls played their game and now stand at 5-8-1. They had five second-half shots on goal for a game total of 15. Comp came in with three and a total of four.

Field Hockey Vs The Falcons...

Agawam High Takes 2-1 Victory From Visiting Minnechaug Regional

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After their tough 2-1 loss to Southwick High last Friday, Brownie field hockey Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner (because her kids played so well) saw some light at the end of the tunnel for the club, which at that time was 1-7-2 (1-4-2). "We're going to win some games down the stretch," she said.

One of those wins came Tuesday afternoon, a 2-1 decision against visiting Minnechaug Regional. It was a tour de force for a number of Brownie players, including Amanda Sternowski, Jenn Harvey, and (of course) goalie Mary Elizabeth Dupelle.

The Falcons, fighting for a playoff berth (those hopes were severely wounded by the loss), attacked from the get-go. As they have been used to doing all year long, the Brownies' defense stepped up. Sarah Prussman was in the mix, and so were Sara Gregory and Corinne Butova.

And behind them, when the ball couldn't be tracked down, there was Dupelle conjuring up another spectacular performance.

In a one-minute period very early on, she made a pad save on a hard shot from the left point, then deflected a shot off a left-right cross before going down to smother a ground ball headed for the right-hand corner of her goal.

After suffering nearly nine minutes of the Falcons' onslaught, Danielle Bachini and Kristen Kocot had taken enough. They drove the ball down midfield and into the Minnechaug zone, easing the pressure on the Brownies' defense.

At the 15-minute mark, after a timeout by Lemnah-Warner to talk things over, the Agawam offense started to percolate. Harvey had a good shot opportunity off a free hit by Prussman. Two minutes later, Harvey (flying on the left wing) got off a bodacious drive from 30 feet out, but got robbed on a kick-off by the Falcons' keeper.

The final six minutes of the half saw Agawam in control, both offensively and defensively. The half ended with no score. But you had to feel the Brownies were getting ready to light things up in the second 30 minutes.

Agawam had two first-half shots on goal. The Falcons recorded four.

Snuffing Out The Falcons' Opportunities...

There was barely a minute gone in the second half when Dupelle made a save on a tough shot from the right wing. But some heads-up defense by Butova, Gregory, and Prussman quickly snuffed out more Falcon opportunities and Sternowski brought the Brownies back on offense with some good dribbling up the right wing.

Burke, Gregory, and Harvey applied some pressure, keeping the ball in the Minnechaug zone for over two minutes. Sternowski, on the right wing, dropped the ball into a crowd in front of the Falcons' net and somewhere among the flailing sticks, Bachini found it and scored with 12:10 left. Sternowski got the assist.

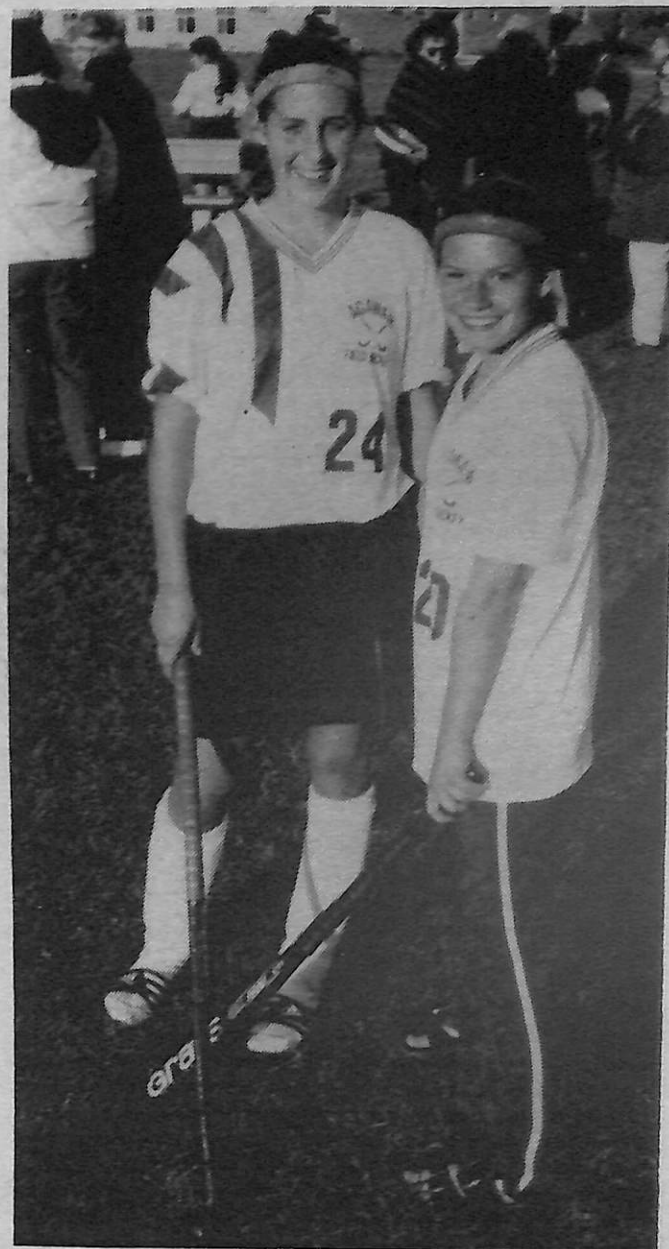
Minnechaug immediately came back. But the Brownies' defense met them at midfield and cleared the ball back towards the Falcons' net. The visitors finally got close enough to take target practice on Dupelle with four minutes to go in the game. The senior made two stellar saves before one finally got by her with 2:16 to go, tying things up at one apiece.

Agawam had worked hard in this one and a tie was not an option. Alyson Nowell and Harvey broke in on the left side with just over a minute to play. They sent the ball into another melee in front of the Minnechaug net. This time it was Jen Bishop who had the quick stick, scoring with a minute left to put Agawam up, 2-1.

"I told them after Minnechaug scored that it was our ball and we were going to put it in their net," Lemnah-Warner smiled. Then she added, "When Sarah (Prussman) hit the ball on our possession, all four of our forwards attacked. They wanted this game badly."

Agawam had three second-half shots for a game total of five. Minnechaug had five and a total of nine.

Agawam's record went to 2-7-2 and 2-4-1 in the Southern Division.



JEN BISHOP (left) and ALYSON NOWELL of the Agawam High School girls' varsity field hockey team. Bishop scored the winning goal in the 2-1 victory over Minnechaug Regional on Tuesday, October 19th. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Varsity Field Hockey...

Brownies Test The Rams In 2-1 Loss In Southwick

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If there is one team Agawam High looks forward to playing in field hockey, it has to be Southwick-Tolland Regional. The Rams know they are usually going to be in for an intense outing, no matter how tough things might be for the Brownies. So it was last Friday afternoon, October 15th, when Agawam left it all on the field after a 2-1 loss to the undefeated defending Western Mass. Division I champions.

This is a different Brownie team than the one that went 0-6-1 in September. "We have gained a great deal of confidence. It started about five games ago and led to our first win, 2-1, over Westfield a week ago and got a big boost when we only lost to Longmeadow, 1-0, the other day," Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner smiled.

The last time the two teams played at Southwick earlier in the season, the Rams won 2-0 on some aggressive play from the get-go. This time at Harmon Smith Field, Agawam had to start out once again using its defense, which has been a strong point all year long, to throw back an early Ram assault (courtesy of some strong play from Brownies Jenn Burke, Kristen Kocot, and Amanda Sternowski).

A Little Different This Time

When they'd shown Southwick that things were going to be a little different on this occasion, Erin Jackson, Danielle Bachini, and Jenn Harvey led the offense into the Rams' zone. AHS got off some quality shots on the enemy net.

And with four minutes gone, senior midfielder Jenn Harvey managed to take the ball 15 feet in front and beat keeper Joe Rogers to the short side. You can imagine what that 1-0 lead did to the kids, not to mention the faithful, who were hooting on the sidelines like a bunch of barn owls.

It certainly had Harvey juiced up. With the memory of her first goal of the season fresh in her mind, she led another Agawam attack off the left wing, forcing the Rams to do something they are not usually accustomed to doing against the Brownies - play some intense defense.

They were able to stop the charge and counterattack with 7:50 gone. But the Brownie midfielders battled them all the way upfield and Sara Gregory, Bachini, and Sarah Prussman met the charge at the top of the zone. There were 10 minutes gone when Southwick got off its first legitimate shot towards the Brownie net. It sailed a foot wide right from the right point.

Another shot was stopped on a nice save by senior keeper Mary Elizabeth Dupelle. At that point, though, the ball was bouncing the Brownies' way. The defense was blocking the shooting lanes and getting to loose balls ahead of the Ram attackers.

But you don't keep a team like Southwick off the ball all the time. With 14 minutes left in the first half, after a hard shot and an initial pad save by Dupelle, the Rams gathered up the rebound and Lori Vecchio punched it home to tie things at one-all.

For the next nine minutes Southwick swarmed the Agawam net. Only some stand-up play by Nicole Dominick, Burke, Jackson, and Prussman,

plus tough tending by Dupelle, kept the Rams at bay.

Locals Break Into Visitors' Zone

Finally, with 1:30 to go, Agawam broke out and into the visitors' zone. The charge was led by Bachini and Kocot. However, time ran out before the Brownie offense could get any kind of serious threat into gear.

Agawam had two first-half shots on goal. Southwick, many times shooting at will, came in with seven.

Southwick was right back where it usually is when the second 30 minutes started - on attack. They had a right corner shot with 30 seconds gone. The ball hit the left post. But that was just the beginning. The Rams raged in front and around Agawam's goal.

Despite some hustling 'D' by Prussman, Burke, and Dominick, the shots were getting all the way to Dupelle. One, with 2:02 gone, from 40 feet out on the right wing, went all the way past her and into the metal at the rear of the net, giving Southwick what would turn out to be all the scoring it needed in this one.

The Rams, leading 2-1, weren't done. Dupelle was facing a firing squad. She stopped them from point-blank range, way out, off rebounds and deflections. Some were wormburners; others short hoppers; still others, slow motion miss hits.

The target practice continued for more than half of the second session. Many of the Rams' fans marveled at the skill of the veteran Agawam goalie. But Warner had seen it all before. "Mary Elizabeth is one of the best around. Those saves are almost routine for her."

Finally, with 12 minutes left, Agawam engineered a breakout and got a good chance at the Rams' net. Sternowski, Jen Bishop, Jen Pietroniro, and Alyson Nowell were behind the charge. The attack petered out, however, and Southwick stormed back, forcing Agawam to play more gut check defense, which it did.

Both teams ebbed and flowed up and down the field during the final five minutes. Despite some opportunities, the Agawam offense ran up against a Ram defense that had seen more than they needed to see in this one and just played to preserve the win as the time ticked off the clock.

"We missed some opportunities. Things might have been different," Warner admitted. She singled out Amanda Sternowski and Sarah Prussman for their efforts in front of Dupelle.

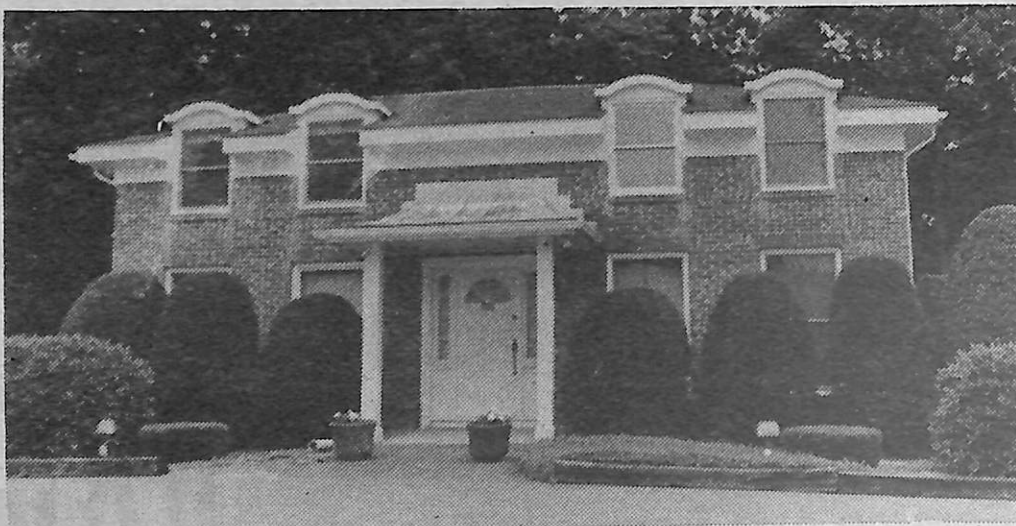


MARY ELIZABETH DUPELLE guards the goal for the Brownies' varsity field hockey team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Agawam had three second-half shots on net for a total of five. The Rams had 12 second-half shots to total 19.

At this writing, Agawam fell 1-7-2 and 1-4-1 in the Southern Division. Southwick rose to 12-0-1 and 7-0 in the Southern Division.

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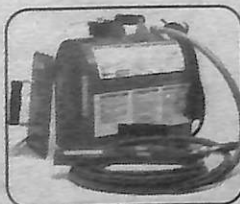
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Boys' Varsity Soccer Versus Cathedral...

Brownies Bow To The Panthers, 1-0

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' soccer team needed a couple things going into Monday afternoon's home game against Cathedral - a win and an offense. As fate would have it, they got neither, losing to the Panthers, 1-0. It was the Brownies' fourth straight loss and their fourth game without a goal.

"Right, we can't buy a goal," first-year varsity Coach Glenn Olson admitted. "But we're giving the effort. Today we had some very good opportunities, but just didn't take advantage of them," he added.

Cathedral, in the playoffs after their 3-0 win over Amherst Regional late last week, were playing this one in hopes of upping their 7-2-2 record for a better seed in the upcoming tournament. And it showed as they started out strong, keeping the ball in the Brownie zone for the first seven minutes of the first half.

Finally, senior midfielder Barry Ward managed to clear the ball and start it down the right side. He had junior striker Aaron Gilbert ahead of him in the middle of the box. Ward's crossing pass was right on and Gilbert took it in stride. He launched from 20 feet away. But the shot was wide, hitting the left side of the net.

Another Chance For The Brownies

The Brownies had another chance with 12:26 gone. Senior striker Brian Lopes, hustling as always, had a semi-breakaway in the middle of the Cathedral box. But the Panther defense was just quick enough to catch up and mark him off the ball.

Agawam got to enjoy its offensive efforts for only a short time, however. At the 26:23 mark, the Panthers put one past junior keeper John DeCaro on a low blast into the left corner from the right point.

The Brownies, still looking to find their elusive offense, came right back on a corner kick from the right side. The cross spun in front of the Panthers' net. Derek Mercadante got his head on it, but the ball just sailed over the crossbar. Gilbert had a chance with 18:10 gone on a lead pass from Lopes up the middle. He had a shooting lane from 30 feet out. But the Panthers' defense marked him from behind and he couldn't pull the trigger.

To a point, Agawam had its passing game going. Jack Pearson, Gilbert, Jim Evans, and defender Brad Theriaque were using it to keep the ball alive high in the Cathedral zone. But the Panthers' defense wouldn't let them take it deep enough to get some offense going.

Offense No Problem For Visitors

The visitors had no problem with offense. They attacked with 11 minutes to go and let one fly from the middle of the box (40 feet away), which just missed a foot to the right of the right post. Another shot a minute later was also headed for the right side of the goal. But DeCaro went parallel for a hand save. He was tested again seconds later and came up with a save on the short-hopper.

While DeCaro was taking care of business on his end, the Agawam offense was still trying to do

some business of its own with 6:30 left. Matt Quirk, Mercadante, and Pearson were battling on the right side of the midfield. But the Panthers' 'D' continued to deny them. John Lynch, Pearson, and Josh Dickman finally drove the ball down the right wing only to be jammed up against the right sideline with no place to go but out of bounds.

Agawam did have an opportunity with just under three minutes to play. Dickman launched a right-to-left cross that cried out to be headed towards the Cathedral net. Gilbert was there and clear, but couldn't quite get his noggin on the ball.

The half ended with Agawam back in a familiar setting - on defense. Some nice work and clears by Theriaque and Quirk assured the Brownies would head into the intermission only down 1-0.

Agawam had one shot on the Cathedral net. The Panthers responded with six.

The Brownies had to endure another Cathedral attack to start the second half. But they seemed to be marking better as Ward and Quirk cleared the ball out of harm's way. Ward, who has been quiet the past several games, tried a rush down the right wing just after the clear and broke in on the left crease. The opportunity was there, but Ward couldn't cash in.

With seven minutes gone, Lopes, going for a loose ball 40 feet out in front of the Panthers' net, arrived exactly when keeper James Thorpe got to it. The result was a sizable collision with Lopes getting a yellow card. "Brian hustles all the time. That was a game yellow, not one for mouthing off. He was just giving it everything he had in an attempt to make a play," Olson said.

Cathedral went back on offense shortly after Lopes took a seat on the bench. DeCaro made another good save on a blistering shot from 40 feet out on the right point. A few seconds later, sweeper Mike Carmody blocked a hard shot before it had a chance to reach DeCaro.

Locals Not Without Chances

Agawam was not without a few more chances down the stretch. With 19 minutes to go, Mercadante, from the right point, had the shot from 30 feet with a slight angle. But he waited too long and ended up getting double-teamed. He had another chance four minutes later, but punched it over the crossbar from 25 feet in front. Lopes, back in, had a shot off a right corner kick by sophomore midfielder Eric Serna two minutes later, but Agawam's offensive frustration continued as he couldn't quite control the ball.

Ward had a clear lane from 20 feet out on the left side with 11:20 to go. The black cat was with him, as his shot hit the left post. The beat went on. A Brownie corner kick from the left side a minute later saw the ball loft into the Panthers' crease. Mercadante was there, but just missed a header.

The game ended with an Agawam side-kick that got lost in a tangle of legs. The Brownies fell to 3-9-1 and 2-4 in the Smith Division. Cathedral improved to 8-2-2, with a Smith Division slate of 4-0-1. Agawam had three second-half shots on net for a total of four. Cathedral came in with four and 10 for the game.

The JVs also lost, 1-0, to the Panther JVs.

Girls' Volleyball Vs Amherst...

AHS Gives The Hurricanes A Run For Their Money

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' volleyball team, still trying to find its way in the second season of its existence, fell last week to visiting Amherst Regional, 14-16, 15-9, 15-4. The Hurricanes, one of the top teams in Western Mass., came in at 11-1. The Brownies, 5-6 at presstime, really did have the opportunity for an upset.

Agawam started the first game with a front line of Eleana Cattoni, Amanda Brown, and Kara Barnes. The back line consisted of Elizabeth Stieg, Erin Corbin, and Kristina Midura. Agawam went up, 3-1, on Cattoni's serve. The exchange student from Italy would have 10 aces on the afternoon.

Defense Playing Well

The Agawam defense was playing as well as it had all season throughout most of the first game. Barnes, Cattoni, Brown, and Stieg were especially effective, digging out kill shots and blocking Amherst spikes at the net. The Brownies found themselves up, 5-1, after an Amanda Brown service attempt.

Then Amherst began its comeback and tied it at five. Cattoni then had a service opportunity. Some nice net work by junior Sarah Lottermoser made it 6-5, Brownies. A long return saw Agawam go up, 7-5. Amherst came back on its service and went ahead, 8-7, on a ball that looked to be out on the Agawam left sideline.

After two good service games by Stieg and Corbin, and a nice tip at the net for a point from Midura, the score was knotted at nine. Some good net play by the Hurricanes saw them go up again, 12-9, before a big block by Midura gave her the opportunity to serve Agawam back into the game.

Her efforts, along with some heads-up defense led by Barnes, had Barnes serving for the first game at 14-13. But she served out and Amherst had some life.

The visitors managed a point to tie it at 14-all. Neither Cattoni or Stieg could get a point on their serves. Amherst needed two for the first game. They got them when two Agawam returns found the net, giving the Hurricanes a 16-14 win.

Down one game to none, Coach Pat Demers started a front line of Lottermoser, Cattoni, and Brown. They were backed up by Corbin, Midura, and Barnes. Amherst went out to an early 3-0 lead and were up 3-1 when Cattoni came on for her service. Two aces, combined with some timely defense led by Midura, saw the Brownies surge to a 7-3 lead before Cattoni served out.

The Agawam defense held on and it was Stieg's turn at the back right corner, with her team still enjoying that 7-3 lead. Her serves seemed to confuse the Hurricanes' defenders and the Agawam advantage ballooned to 11-3 when she was done.

Locals Lead, 14-5

Amherst got two points back and it was Midura's turn at the service line. With her team up

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11-5, Midura's first serve was into the vacant middle of the Amherst defense. Her second attempt also scored for the Brownies, giving them a 13-5 lead. After Amherst served out, it was Barnes' turn. She managed a point, making it 14-5, Agawam.

Amherst made a semi-comeback, narrowing the gap to 14-9 before serving out. Then it was Cattoni's turn to serve for the win. Her offering was returned from deep in the Hurricane defense. Some good mid-zone work by Corbin and Midura got it back on the Amherst side where it was knocked into the net, giving Agawam a 15-9 second-game win and tying up the match at a game apiece.

Lottermoser, Cattoni, and Brown manned the front line with Corbin, Midura, and Barnes right behind them to start the rubber game. Amherst went up 2-0 before Cattoni evened things at two on her serve. However, the Brownies started to get into trouble after that and would never lead again.

Amherst went on a 14-1 tear to increase its lead to 14-3 before an ace for the 15-4 win gave the visitors the match, two games to one.

"We are still young and our big problem because of that is the fact that we can't close out our matches, as was the case today," Demers noted. "However, we played very well for most of the afternoon. I made sure the kids realized that," she added.

Soccer Association To Hold Annual Mtg. On October 25th

The Executive Committee of the Agawam Soccer Association has set Monday, October 25th, as the date of its Annual Meeting.

The election of officers for the coming year will be held at this time. All members of ASA are welcome to attend.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be held at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street.

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Profile...

AFS Student Marylen Grozinger Enjoys Gymnastics At Agawam High

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Marylen Grozinger, from the little town of Freiberg, Germany, is an exchange student at Agawam High School. She is living with the family of Agawam varsity baseball Coach Pete Clark. Marylen took some time out to talk about her time as a member of the senior class at AHS.

She is 17 years-old, with her birthday falling on July 29th. This semester, Marylen is taking drawing and painting, history, English, Spanish, math, sociology, and physical education. Her favorite course is drawing and painting.

When Marylen goes back to Germany next summer, she will continue her education.

She is a member of the Brownie gymnastics team and might try out for the swimming team this winter. "Right now, I'm not sure of that. But it's a possibility," she noted. Marylen also like to ride horses. Back home, she has two horses and two colts and rides them around the countryside.

She has this take on the current gymnastics season, which sees the team winless at this writing. "We don't have many kids on the team. But the goal is to improve with every meet. I think we are doing that."

Marylen is a vegetarian, which limits her list of food. But she does have a favorite. "I like cheese pizza," she smiled.

An old Volkswagon Beetle would be her car of choice. "No, I don't like the new ones at all," she admitted. Marylen also noted that 18 is the age at which kids can get their driver's license in Germany.

She doesn't have any particular place to hang out. "It depends upon my mood, then it would be with anyone I can talk to," she explained.

Anything that teenagers wear suits her taste in clothes. She has been introduced to the Holyoke Mall and finds a store up there called "The Dancing Bear" to her liking.

Reggae is her favorite form of music.

Television doesn't interest Marylen all that much. Her favorite offering on the big screen is "Seven Years in Tibet."

Back home, her mom's name is "Gaby," short for Gabriella. Winni is her dad's name. She has a



MARYLEN GROZINGER

13 year-old brother named Steffen.

When she leaves AHS, Marylen wants to be remembered thusly: "Only in a good way, with nothing bad."

Alison Bonnyman, the Brownies' varsity gymnastics coach, had this to say about Marylen: "She is a team player who will do whatever you ask her to do, which, considering our small numbers, is a great asset. She works the bars, beam, and the vault. Marylen is also our captain."



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Profile...

AFS Student Elena Cattoni Fits Right In On Girls' Volleyball Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

This week, we're profiling Elena Cattoni, who isn't exactly from around these parts. Actually, she comes from the small town of Como. Can't quite place it?

That's because Como is in Italy and is Elena's hometown. "It's between Switzerland and Milan and is only a five-minute walk from the Swiss border," she smiled.

Recently, the senior exchange student, who is being sponsored this year by the Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS), took time out to talk about herself and her brief time at AHS.

Elena is 17 years-old. Her birthday is February 13th. She has been at the High School for two months and arrived in the United States in New York on August 6th and then came to Agawam.

Currently, Elena is taking AP English, psychology, U.S. history, integrated math, chemistry, choreography, and physical education. Psychology is her favorite subject. Edward Merrill is her top teacher.

When Elena is done with her education here, she'll head back to Italy this July for an additional year of schooling there. "Things are a little different where I come from," she explained.

Elena plays girls' varsity volleyball and plays it well for the AHS Brownies. She also participates in rhythmic gymnastics - a sport not offered at the High School, but one that is big in Europe.

It involves dancing to music while handling a baton with a long, brightly-colored streamer attached to one end. The routine is quite enjoyable to watch. Elena is the Italian National Champion in rhythmic gymnastics. She has been doing it for eight years. According to her, she became champion by practicing five days a week for three hours a day over that eight-year stretch.

At presstime, the girls' volleyball team is 6-8 in its second season of competition after winning only three games last year. Elena, who is very athletic but never played the sport before, is a big part of their continuing improvement. "This is my first time as a member of a team. Before this, it was always gymnastics, which is a singular sport for the most part. I enjoy working with others as one for the common goal of winning."

Elena's favorite food is pizza and pasta. When asked about pizza in this country as compared to pizza back home, she said, "I like to make my own pizza. And it is usually much bigger with a thinner crust than they make here," she smiled.

Light blue is her favorite color.

Something called a Tigra (which we don't see around here) is her choice in wheels. "It's made by Fiat. They are very nice," she said.

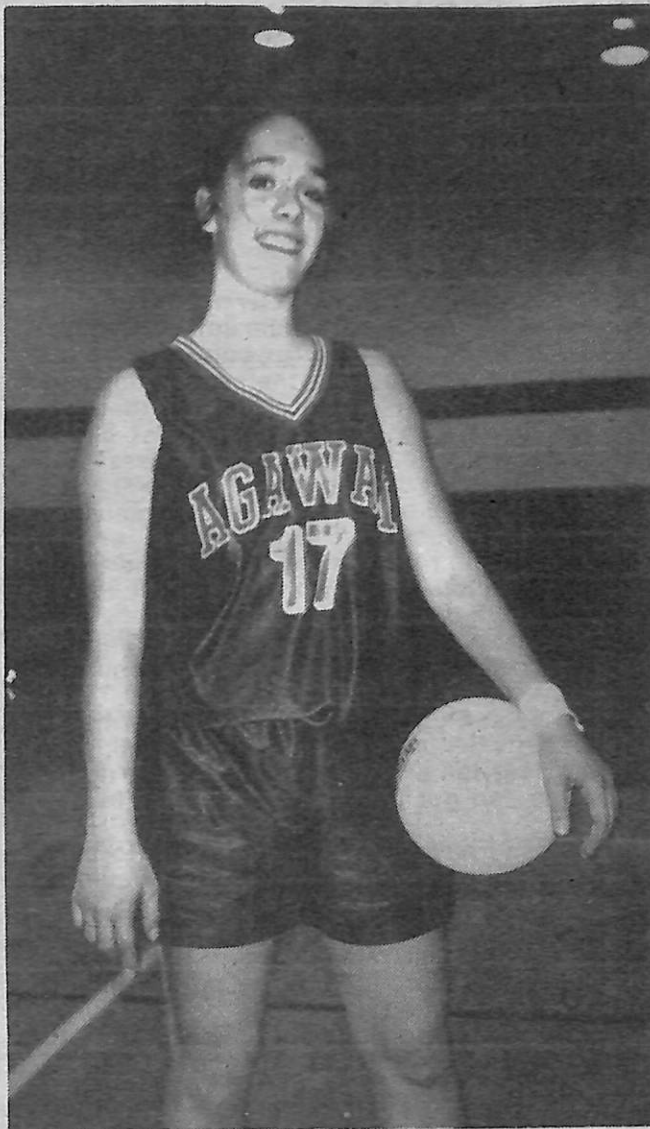
Her favorite team is Milan's professional soccer team.

She likes to hang out and kick back with another exchange student, Marylen Grozinger (also profiled this week) from Germany. "I also like going to the Agawam Public Library," she noted.

Her taste in attire runs to sweatshirts and jeans.

In music, the late Bob Marley is her favorite artist.

While Elena doesn't have a favorite TV show, she admits to liking baseball on the tube.



ELENA CATTONI

"The Sixth Sense" is her favorite movie.

Back home, Lillian is her mom's name. Bruno is her dad. She has a younger brother, Simone, who is 12 years-old.

Here in Agawam, Lou and Mary Alice Garvin of Feeding Hills are Elena's host parents. She has two host brothers, Erik, a sophomore at AHS, and little Anthony, 3. Jeannine, a seventh-grader at the Junior High, is her host sister.

Elena says she looks up to her parents and anyone else who is close to her.

When her short stay at AHS is done, she hopes to be missed a bit. "I want to be remembered as a person who liked to laugh and also liked people to laugh with me."

Varsity volleyball Coach Pat Demers has this take on her senior from across the pond, "Elena is hard-working, very conscientious, and is very athletic. She takes instruction very well and gives 100 percent. Elena has also molded well into the team concept of the sport. She knows when it is time to laugh and when it's time to get down to business."

Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer...

AHS Raises Record To 11-3 With Three More Shutouts

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Under the direction of Lynda Kunasek, the Agawam High junior varsity girls' soccer team has vaulted to an 11-3 record courtesy of three more shutout victories this past week - 1-0 over Cathedral, 1-0 over Holyoke, and a 2-0 whitewash of the Chicopee Comp Colts on Tuesday evening at Harmon Smith Field.

In the Comp game, AHS pitched its fourth consecutive shutout and 11th of the fall campaign. The locals scored single goals in each half and then relied on strong midfield play from Jessica Newalu, Angelina Cortese, Ellen Rannenberg, Becky Crum, Kelly Cassidy, and Jenna Shea to keep the pressure on the Colts' defense.

Freshman striker Kaitlin Sardella scored what proved to be the game-winner in the opening half. It came after sophomore striker Jill Lawson fired a shot that deflected off the goalie and Sardella gobbled it up out front for her 11th tally of the fall.

Lawson salted this one away in the second half after receiving a fine cross from Rannenberg. It was Lawson's sixth of the campaign. Freshman goalie Vicky Taylor chalked-up the shutout.

Against a strong, physical, and 8-2-1 Holyoke High team at home last Friday, October 15th, the Brownies battled the hard-charging Knights to a scoreless first half and received excellent play from freshman stopper Danielle Cirillo from start to finish.

Also playing well were sophomore midfielder Jessica Newalu, freshman fullback Tricia Fitchben, freshman fullback Kim Hoague (just back from an injury), sophomore fullback Lucy Young, junior sweeper Laura Kida, sophomore sweeper Katelyn Tierney, and sophomore striker Erin Gloster.

The game's only goal was struck by AHS just 90 seconds into the second half. The play began with Newalu, who made a perfect pass to striker Jill Lawson streaking up the left wing. Lawson did a nifty shake and bake in the corner to free herself for a great cross into the goalmouth where fellow striker Kaitlin Sardella was waiting to punch the ball into the net.

Sophomore Biz Perry and freshman Vicky Taylor shared the goaltending duties and each were called on to make good stops during their stints guarding the AHS nets.

Last Wednesday, October 13th, at Nathan Bill Park in Springfield, another strong and physical team, the Cathedral JV's, battled the Brownies on this very windy mid-fall afternoon.

A scoreless first saw AHS enjoy several golden opportunities to score as sophomore midfielder Jenna Shea just missed on two occasions after nice rushes up the middle. Freshman goalie Vicky Taylor was also busy and kept CHS off the board with several glittering stops.

Despite the wind in its face during the second half, AHS had the better of the play. Stopper Danielle Cirillo and midfielders Jessica Newalu and Angelina Cortese were all over the field, and fullback Tricia Fitchben and sweepers Laura Kida and Katelyn Tierney were also strong in front of Taylor.

The lone goal came midway through the half. Striker Kaitlin Sardella drove down the right wing, deked the defender, and sent a nice cross into the goalmouth. Waiting to strike was freshman midfielder Ellen Rannenberg. Her quick trap of the cross and quick release beat the CHS goalie. CHS had a few more moments of buzzing the AHS net but were turned away by Taylor and the defenders, including Lucy Young and Becky Crum.

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In U-11 Girls' Pioneer Valley Soccer Action...

Agawam Blizzard Defeats Holy Name And Ties Holy Cross

The U-11 Girls' Pioneer Valley Agawam Blizzard extended their unbeaten streak to eight games last week with a 3-2 victory over Holy Name of Springfield and a 1-1 tie vs. Holy Cross of Springfield.

On Tuesday, October 12th, the Blizzard came away with a one-goal victory over Holy Name thanks to the game-winning, unassisted goal by Michelle Santos late in the second half. It was Michelle's second goal of the game as she opened up the scoring for the Blizzard in the first half, assisted by Lindsey Pfau.

Molly Nowill scored the second goal for the Blizzard with a shot high over the Holy Name goalie's head, with an assist from Amy Delude. With Holy Name putting on the pressure for the game-tying goal, fullbacks Jocelyn Mason, Justine Kedzior, Alyson Brewster, and sweeper Sara Long helped preserve the win with strong defense.

Kelsey Wood, Sara Wood, Lauren Maloney, and Jennie Deglis all played extra hard at the fullback position, falling back to help the defense and bring-

ing the ball upfield to the forwards for many good scoring opportunities.

On Thursday, October 14th, probably the coldest evening so far this fall, the Blizzard battled to a 1-1 tie with Holy Cross. Lindsey Pfau scored the game's first goal, with an assist from Michelle Santos, but that was all the offense could muster up that night against a stubborn Holy Cross.

Lisa Truschelli played strong in goal for the Blizzard in the second half to preserve the tie. Samantha Lisee dropped back from her usual forward position that Thursday night to help out as a fullback.

Carly Keeley took a break from goaltending duties to add some punch to the forward position, but that wasn't enough to get the ball to roll the Blizzard's way on a very cold night.

The Blizzard finishes up the regular season with games in Ludlow and Palmer this coming weekend. The girls thanked the spectators for all the vocal support!



Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Area Outdoorsmen Have Much To Keep Them Busy Lately...

With the opening of the upland game season, activity for the outdoorsman is at an all-time high. Fall fishing is about at its peak in both the fresh- and salt-water arenas. Wildlife management areas have been stocked with pheasant, and grouse hunters are banging away in the woods and forests.

One of the most often-asked questions put forward by most casual hunters is, "Where are the birds?" Pheasant hunting in the Valley is not necessarily a put-and-take proposition. Once the birds are stocked, the birds will acclimate to their new surroundings quite quickly.

Shrinking habitat and areas closed to hunting have limited the areas where a good bird dog can be worked. Nice-looking areas near busy roads are a hazard to your four-legged hunting compa-

nion. Increased urban sprawl has further encroached on our areas.

The edges of wood lots where they meet open field areas can be prime spots. Don't confine your hunting to just the open fields. This is especially true when the hunting pressure is heavy.

Pheasants that have been flushed by hunters or dogs, will often fly for a considerable distance into wooded areas before touching down. Try hunting several hundred yards into the wooded edge areas if you know that other hunters have been working the fields before you.

Later in the season, I often wear hip boots and work the dense swamps. These are the places that the cackle birds will go to when the pressure is heavy.

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an up-and-down proposition. Try deep-water jigging in the main creek channels.

Congamond Lakes: dandy trout and bass, according to reports coming in to Kurt at Saunders Marina on the Lake. Most anglers are taking trout near the surface, on a variety of spinners and tandem fly combinations.

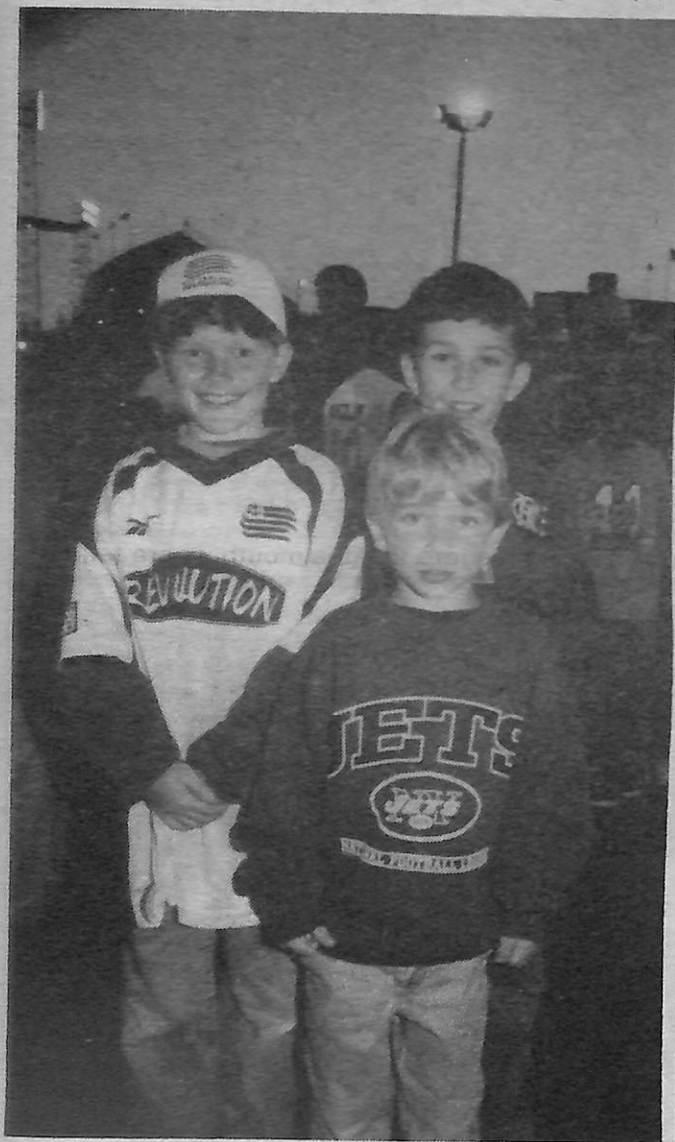
SALT WATER

On the offshore scene, most of the tuna boats are still fishing, with reports of some of the best tuna fishing in years.

Surf casters are having good luck along the Rhode Island beaches and breachways. Strippers predominate, with occasional schools of big bluefish showing up.

Boat anglers are scoring on blues from Watch Hill Reef to Block Island and the rips at Montauk. Parachute jigs tipped with Pork O's or Mario Strips and worked on wire line trolled around the rips are the ticket.

The fall migration is in swing and "here today, gone tomorrow" is the norm. Persistence at this time of year can result in some of the largest stripers of the year.



ANDREW DEAN, TIMOTHY DEAN, AND STEVEN JANICKI enjoyed themselves at the Soccer Celebration Area prior to the start of the New England Revolution game on October 2nd.

Agawam Youngsters Experience Soccer Celebration Area

Andrew Dean, Timothy Dean, and Steven Janicki of Agawam stopped by the Soccer Celebration Area for some fun and games before attending the New England Revolution game against the NY/NJ MetroStars on October 2nd.

The New England Revolution earned a decisive 2-1 victory over the MetroStars, moving them into the fourth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

The Soccer Celebration Area is an interactive, family-oriented soccer theme park located right outside Foxboro Stadium and consists of games, face-painting, live music, food, and rides for soccer fans of all ages. It is free and open to all New England Revolution ticket holders for two hours prior to kickoff.

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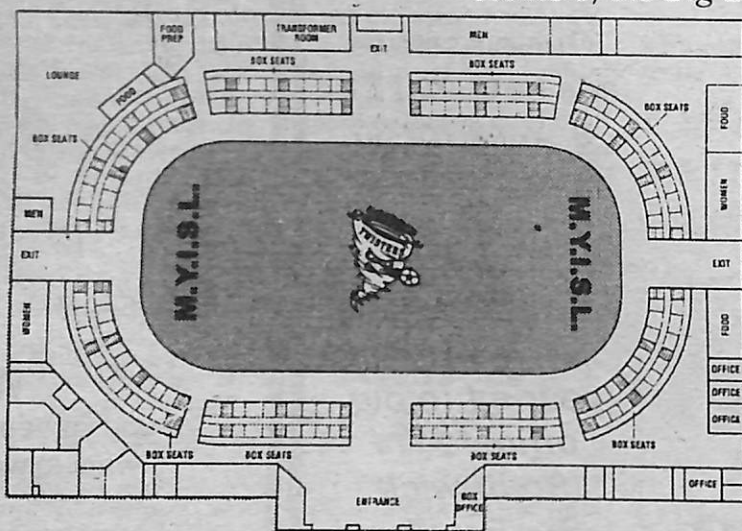
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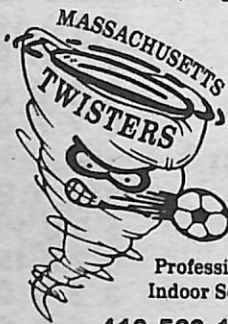
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Pee Wee Warriors' Orange Squad Crushes The Maroon Lions

The Agawam Pee Wee Warriors' Orange Squad defeated the Ludlow Lions Maroon Team by a score of 14-0, to improve their record to 5-0.

The Warrior defense played a great game by shutting down the Ludlow offense. Numerous tackles made by Colin Hansel (no. 16), left outside linebacker, stopped the Ludlow runners in their tracks!

Other defensive standouts were right cornerback Kyle Labonte (no. 25), right outside linebacker Jake Ferretti (no. 37), and left cornerback Thomas Pagnum (no. 19). Left guard Frank Liberti (no. 66) did an awesome job defensively!

The Warriors' offense got it going when tailback Jake Ferretti (no. 37) scored a TD on a 21-yard run to the left side with right guard Chales Barbarisi (no. 71) leading the way!

Jake had a good day running the ball, rushing for 80 yards against the Ludlow defense. He also caught a 13-yard pass from quarterback Niko Omera (no. 2), who threw a strike to Jake!

Outside linebacker Colin Hansel (no. 16) intercepted a Lions' pass and ran it back 34 yards for the score. Colin also scored the two-point conversion.

The entire Warrior team played an outstanding game.

Agawam Soccer Assoc. Standings

U-13 COED	W	L	T	P
Spear's Green	5	1	0	15
Comee's Kamakazee's	4	2	0	12
Menard's Blue	2	4	0	6
Howe's Orange	1	5	0	3

U-14 COED	W	L	T	P
Icebreakers	7	0	0	21
LaVally 05	3	2	1	10
Blue Blizzards	2	3	1	7
Heneghan 04	2	3	1	7
Orange Crush	1	4	2	5
Red Devils	1	4	1	4

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Blue Lightning	6	0	0	18
Kick'n Kangeroos	5	2	0	15
Green Angels	3	3	0	9
Gould 04	2	4	0	6
Mutti 03	0	7	0	0

U-12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Green Gremlins	6	0	0	18
Golden Eagles	5	2	0	15
Blue Knights	3	3	0	9
Tigers	2	5	0	6
Firebirds	0	6	0	0

In Girls' Under-11 Action...

Agawam Twisters Chalk Up Two More Soccer Victories

The girls' Under-11 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League posted two more victories in action at the Smith & Wesson fields in Springfield.

On October 13th, the Twisters defeated Wilbraham by a score of 5-2. Cassie Ashwell led the way with four goals, and Megan Lalli added another.

On October 16th, the Twisters defeated Westfield Unity by a score of 3-0. Cassie Ashwell continued to be on an offensive tear, as she scored all three goals for the Twisters.

Brittany DeGray and Brittany Margiotta teamed up in goal to blank Westfield United.

Because we are in the midst of a political season, we encourage everyone to bring in press releases, "letters to the editor," and ads by the end of the day on Mondays. Thank you ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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The Warriors White Squad Loses Valiant Effort To S. Hadley

On Sunday, October 17th, the Agawam PeeWee Warriors White Squad was defeated, 14-0, by South Hadley. This hard-fought and valiant effort pushed the overall record of the White Squad to 4-1.

The offensive squad, riddled with injuries, did the best they could against a bigger and older South Hadley team. The Little Hogs, led by captains Nick Sleich and Patrick McKeever, actually made holes against an eight-man defensive line.

Unfortunately, it was a tough day for the Warrior runningbacks. Before suffering a mild concussion, James Mackin ran for 51 yards in the first half and quarterback Brendon McNeish was one for one in the pass department before being sidelined with a leg injury.

Frank Sacco did a fine job filling in for the quarterback as did Scott Readon did for filling in for the halfback (picking up 25 yards). With the linebacking corps virtually wiped out, the Warrior defense played spectacularly. Hard-hitting Warriors were the cause of two fumble recoveries turned in by Nick Sleich and Phillip Sokovelle.

Anthony Stork had a fine defensive day with three backfield tackles as did Garrett Gabel, Patrick McKeever, and Frank Sacco. Solo tackles were turned in by Brendan McNeish, Frank Sacco, Joe Pirro, Patrick McKeever, and Scott Readon.

Once again the Warriors were inspired by the very talented PeeWee cheerleaders. A spectacular balloon release was donated by Mrs. Teixeira.

Oct. 22nd Is Last Day To Register For Youth Basketball

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Dept. announces that Youth Basketball registration deadline will be on Friday, October 22nd.

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Agawam Junior Warriors Defeat South Hadley Cats

The Agawam Junior Warriors defeated the South Hadley Cats, 14-0, in SAFL action on Sunday, October 17th.

Again, the Warriors were led by their outstanding defense, which allowed South Hadley 30 total yards of offense. The combination of Anthony Bailey, Zack Bussiere, and Joe McDyer has been a tough trio to stop all season; on Sunday, they combined for seven sacks and 30 tackles for the game.

The tackle of the game was made by Geoff Trexler, Joe Greaney, John Dominick, and Curt Barker, who made a monster hit on the tight end for South Hadley after a minimal gain. The linebackers played excellent run containment, not allowing the Cats to get outside. When they could not run, they attempted to pass and Zack Bruneau came up with a key interception deep in South Hadley territory.

Again, the Agawam special teams' coach, Ralph Dominick, forced South Hadley to make mistakes by a relentless rush that tackled the punter twice before he could get the ball off. The offense was again strong for Agawam, with line coach Jim Yelinek again pairing up Bussiere and Bailey on the right side. This made for a great rushing day for Joe McDyer (165 yards) and Dom Moccia (100 yards), 55-yard TD run off the right tackle.

QB Joel Bailey again ran the offense with precision down the field. In the second half, Agawam had the ball for all but three minutes. The highlight of the game was Bailey's 20-yard pass to Bruneau in the right corner of the end zone, which sealed the game for the Warriors.

Justin Stevens, Nick Roberts, Mark Jeserski, and Adam Plante played well on the line for the Warriors, lending to excellent downfield blocking to support the running game.

The reserves for the Warriors played in the fourth quarter after they posted a victory on Saturday, October 16th, over Ludlow, 8-0, in JV action. They were led by Chris Scuderi, Vin Waite, and Jimmy Yelinek.

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Polverari Wins Last Modified Feature At Riverside Park

Speedway Completes Racing Schedule Before Theme Park Begins Expansion

Over 84 competitors and legions of fans came together on Sunday, October 17th, to write the final chapter in the 51-year history of Riverside Park Speedway.

Five-time track champion Bob Polverari won the 100-lap Modified feature, the final event ever to run on the quarter-mile oval. Polverari, of West Springfield, MA, raced ahead from the seventh starting position, and eventually settled in for the win ahead of Chris Wenzel, Ed Flemke, Rob Summers, and George Brunnhoelz III in fifth place.

Other winners were Barry Gray of Belchertown, MA, in the 51-lap Pro Stock event, Rob Valerio of New Britain, CT, in the 51-lap Truck race, and Beau LeBeau of Enfield, CT, in the 25-lap Sportsman race.

Polverari's victory came after Flemke and Brad Hietala were both penalized by track officials for an altercation with eight laps remaining. Flemke and Hietala were running first and second, and Polverari assumed the lead when both leaders were sent to the rear after making contact in turn two.

Wenzel tried to catch Polverari in the closing lap, but the 62 year-old racing star stayed ahead for his 38th career victory at Riverside Park.

Barry Gray's Pro Stock triumph came after a thrilling 51-lap battle between Gray, Jeff Connors, Todd Owen, and Rich Vasseur. The team of veteran drivers sliced and diced over the distance of the race, dazzling the fans with several close passes and side-by-side racing.

In the end, Gray raced ahead of Connors, Owen, Vasseur, and five-time Pro Stock champion Eddy Carroll III, who finished in fifth place.

Rob Valerio's final Truck victory came ahead of E.J. Lagacy, Mike Salmond, Jim Larsen, and 1999 Riverside Hall of Fame inductee Ted Chalmers in fifth place.

In the 25-lap Sportsman main, LeBeau outlasted Super Stock ace Keith DeSanctis for the win, followed by 1999 Sportsman champion Herb Carlon, Glen Reilly, and Ed Ricard in fifth place.

Following the feature events on October 17th, the New England Antique Racers (NEAR) displayed a variety of Modifieds from Riverside's glorious past, and the post-race ceremonies were enjoyed by all in attendance.

For complete results of the "Final Race" weekend and information on Riverside Park Speedway's upcoming awards banquet, call (413) 786-9300 or visit www.riversideparkspeedway.com on the world wide web.

On Wednesday, October 13th...

Riverside Speedway Inducts 12 New Hall Of Famers

In conjunction with Riverside Park Speedway's "Final Ride" race weekend, track officials and New England Antique Racers (NEAR) members joined together to include 12 new members in the Riverside Park Speedway Hall of Fame on Wednesday, October 13th.

The prestigious list of new inductees included drivers Bob Polverari, Moon Burgess, Jerry Marquis, Mike Stefanik, Ted Chalmers, and Richie Evans (who was inducted posthumously).

The ceremony also honored people who made their mark off the track, including former scorer Bill Long, car owners Mike Greci and Luther Hosmer, announcers Mike Joy and Rolfe Jacobs, and the track's 25-year chief steward, Dick Brooks.

Following the inductions, Riverside officials handed off the Hall of Fame to the NEAR group, who will maintain the Riverside tradition among its members in the years ahead.

The October 13th Hall of Fame inductions increased the hall's total membership to 38. The hall now includes 27 drivers, four car owners, four officials, and three announcers. Nineteen of the 27 drivers in the Hall of Fame were Modified track champions during their Riverside careers.

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Basketball Coach's Clinic For Men & Women At AIC

The first annual 1999 AIC Basketball Coach's Clinic for men and women of all levels will be held on Sunday, October 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Butova Gymnasium.

This clinic will feature Coach Jim Calhoun of the 1999 National Champion UConn Huskies, AIC Men's Coach Art Luptowski, and AIC Women's Coach Pete Cinella.

This clinic will include team demonstrations, practice planning, and game strategy. The fee for the clinic is \$40 per coach and \$10 for each additional staff member.

For more information, please contact Pete Cinella at 413-747-6556 or Dick Lenfest at 413-747-6573.

New Officials Sought For Hampden County Women's Basketball

The Hampden County Board of Women's Basketball Officials is looking for new officials for the upcoming 1999-2000 basketball season.

If you are interested, contact Bob Clark, 569-3398, or John Ferris, 786-9459.

"Drop-In Basketball" Taking Place On Mon. Evenings At AHS

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department announces "Drop-In Basketball" began on Monday, October 18th and will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:45 p.m. at Agawam High School.

This is for residents 18 years-old and older. Proof of residency is required for admission. Cost is \$2 a night payable to the site supervisor upon arrival.

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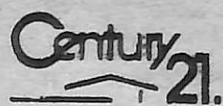
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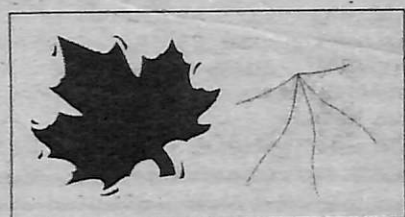
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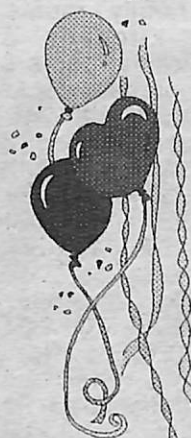
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